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CHINA'S SCHEME OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

Concentration Of Forces In Five Districts

JAPANESE ENCIRCLING MOVE MEETS CHECK

SHANGHAI BELIEVES SOUTH STILL HAS TIME TO WAIT

Shanghai, 2.15 p.m., To-day.

Circles in close touch with Japanese military authorities still decline to believe in the imminence of a large-scale Japanese attack on South-China.

The explanation for the reported arrival of two transports in the Bias Bay region is that the Japanese are endeavouring to attract Chinese attention to the South China threat and perhaps bring about reduction of troops in the north.

It is still believed that no operations will be attempted in the south until the New Year, and perhaps not until the Shantung situation is settled. Even then, it is thought that the operations will be limited in scope. Our Own Correspondent.

CONCESSION IN HANKOW MAY BE SEIZED

Hankow, 2.30 p.m., To-day.

The British and American authorities are reported to be approaching the Japanese Command in the Yangtze with a view to the establishment of a safety zone in the Hankow area.

It is probable that the Special Administration Districts will be suggested.

Rumours are abroad of imminent seizure by the Chinese authorities of the Japanese Concession in Hankow. Our Own Correspondent.

WAR SERVICE CORPS TO ORGANISE GUERRILLAS

Hankow, To-day.

Observers in Hankow are speculating on the new Chinese measures to reorganise Chinese resistance.

It is probable that the various war fronts will be divided into five districts, in each of which one man will be responsible alike for military and political administration, with the object of obtaining in each district the greatest possible measure of concentration of forces.

First district will be formed by Shantung and the northern part of Kiangsu, through which the Tientsin-Pukow Railway runs.

Second will comprise Honan and southern Hopei, the third, Shensi and Shansi, the fourth, Anhwei and south Kiangsu and Chekiang, and the fifth, Hupeh and Kiangsi.

MILITARY EDUCATION

In order to be able at the same time to mobilise the population of the more distant provinces both spiritually and materially, in view of resistance and thus to weld, more effectively, the Chinese nation into a homogeneous whole, the Department of National Education will be placed under the control of the Supreme Military Council.

Students will be trained and will travel through China to explain to the people the true meaning of the war against Japan, and will also enlist recruits.

WAR SERVICE CORPS

A "War Service" will also be formed, aim of which will be to train civilians behind the fronts for guerilla warfare.

The Corps will also guard victualling columns and perform Red Cross work.

Informed circles in Hankow say that these measures are only part of the general plan for reorganisation of resistance, aim of which is to cement national unity destined to overcome the Japanese aggression. Trans-Ocean.

SHANTUNG CHECK

Hankow, To-day.

According to Chinese reports, the Japanese have suffered a check in their concentric advance from north, south and west with the ob-

TRANSPORTS NOT FOR SOUTH CHINA?

Shanghai, 2.15 p.m. To-day. It is reliably reported here that the Japanese transports which left yesterday are proceeding to Tsingtao and Haichow, not to South China.

Foreign consuls in Tsingtao are reported to be making arrangements to evacuate their nationals at a moment's notice. Our Own Correspondent.

ticularly well adapted to purposes of defence.

MORE TROOPS NEEDED

It is thought that more Japanese troops will cross to the north bank of the Yangtze, where the Japanese forces are estimated to be only 25,000 strong.

The Japanese advance in south to have been brought to a standstill.

The Chinese claim to have recaptured Chinfong and Lieh-suang, and their troops are said to be advancing on Kuanchen, in west Shantung, near the Hopei border.

Hopei on Poyang is also reported. From this new base the Chinese hope to carry out flank attacks on the Japanese. Trans-Ocean.

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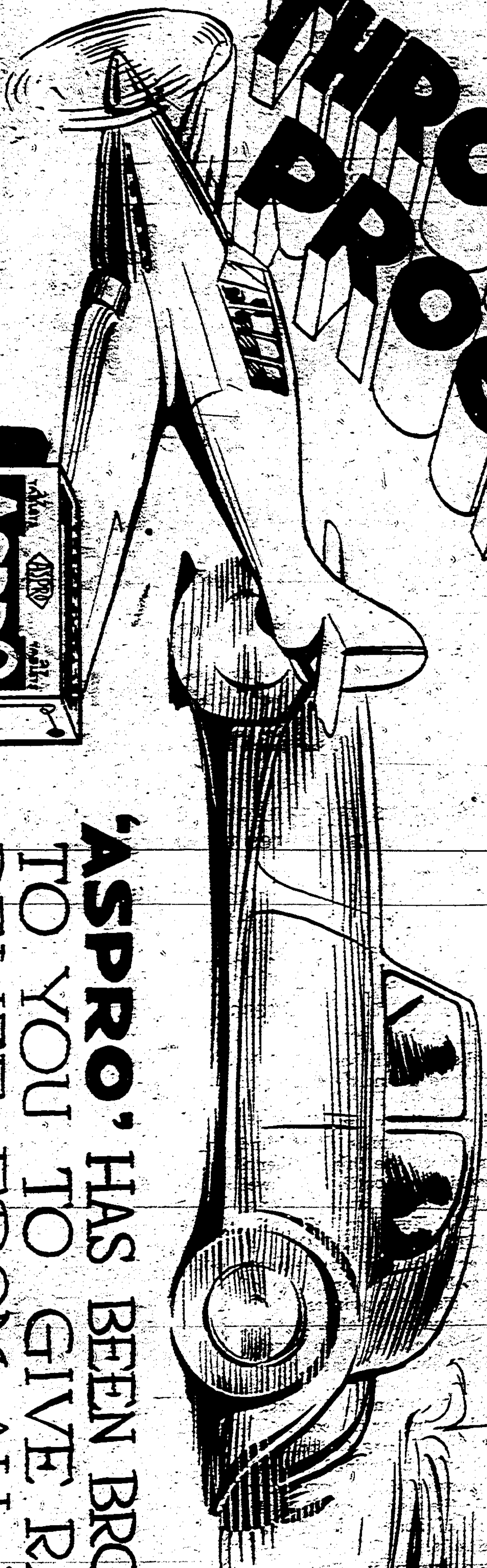


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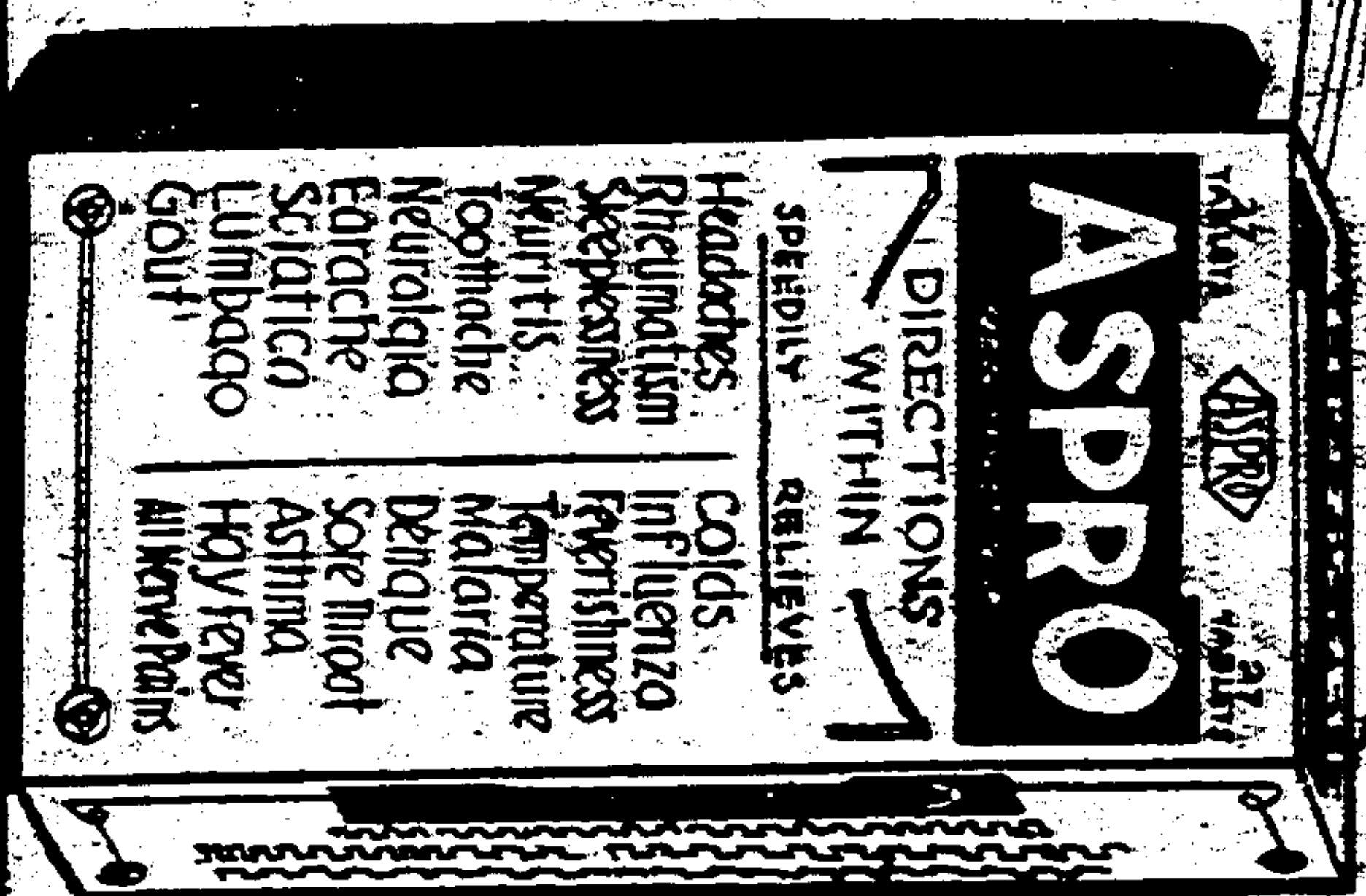


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Excerpts From
Gilbert
And Sullivan

12-12-20 p.m.—Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.
12-30 p.m.—Gilbert & Sullivan Excerpts.
The Pirates Of Penzance.
Now For The Pirates' Lair.
When You Had Left Our Pirate Fold.
Away, Away! My Heart's On Fire.
Dorothy Gill, Derek Oldham & Peter Dawson.
All Is Prepared!
Stay, Fredric, Stay!
Elsie Griffin & Derek Oldham.
Trial By Jury.
Hark, the Hour of Ten is Sound-
ing... George Baker & Chorus.
Is This the Court of the Exche-
quer?... Derek Oldham & Chorus.
When First My Old Love... Derek
Oldham, George Baker & Chorus.
All Hail Great Judge... Chorus.
12-46 p.m.—Roy Fox & His Orchestra.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1-03 p.m.—London Piano-Accordeon Band and Cicely Courtneidge (Comedienne).
1-30 p.m.—Renter & Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1-40 p.m.—Variety.
Piano—
"Floodlight"—Medley.
A Little White Room ("Floodlight"—Beverley Nichols).
Vivian Ellis.
Vocal Duet—
Chinaman (Schroder-Beckmann).
Dancing Into Heaven With You (Schroder-Beckmann)... Lilian Harvey & Willy Fritsch.
Orchestra—
Swingitis (Norman).
Swing As It Comes (Gardner).
Bert Firman's Quintuplets Of Swing.
Organ—Irish Medley.
Reginald Dixon.

Today's Wireless

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Orchestra—"Crest Of The Wave"—
Selection (Novello, arr. Prentice).
The Drury Lane Theatre Orches-
tra conducted by Charles
Prentice.
2-15 p.m.—Close down.
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—Dance Music.
7-30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quota-
tions and Hong Kong Exchange Mar-
ket Report.
7-35 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal—Ellaline Terriss and Seymour
Hicks Medley... Ellaline Terriss
and Seymour Hicks.
Humorous Monologue—The Beefeat-
er (Weston & Lee)... Stanley
Holloway.
Vocal—
You Mean The World To Me
(Operetta "The Singing Dream").
My Beautiful Dream (Rotten-Tan-
ber)... Joseph Schmidt (Tenor).
Orchestra—Six-Eight Medley.
Harry Roy & His Orchestra.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.
8-03 p.m.—Studio—Doreen Ma (Vocal
& Piano) and H. L. Ozorio (Piano).
8-30 p.m.—Variety.
Violin—
African Serenade (Boulanger).
African Vision (Boulanger).
George Boulanger.
Orchestra—
Poor Butterfly (Golden & Hubbell).
Sweet Sue, Just You (Harris &
Young)... The Dixie Devils.
Orchestra—The Valle Medley... Rudy
Vallee & His Connecticut Yankees.
8-50 p.m.—Studio—Series of talks
"Amateur Experts".
9 p.m.—Light Orchestral with Tino
Rossi (Tenor).
Lehar Waltz Potpourri (arr. Ro-
brecht)... Orchestra Mascotte.

Pourquoi Quand Je Te Dis Je T'Aime
(Bobby & Lesso-Valerio).
Vous Qu'avez Vous Fait De Mon
Amour? (Vacca, Marc-Cab &
Barcel). Tino Rossi.
Noite Sul Mare, Barcarolle (Va-
lente).
Vesuviana, Tarantella (Marchetti).
Orchestra Napolitain.
La Serenade A Lena (Scotto, Marc-
Cab & Varma).
Un Violon Dans La Nuit (Bixio,
Marc-Cab & Varma)... Tino Rossi.
Serenade Valse Espagnole (Metra).
De Picpus Au Palais D'Angkor, For-
Intermezzo (Marceau)... Orchestra
Ruby Goldstein.
9-30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9-50 p.m.—Band of H.M. Coldstream
Guards.
"Les Cloches De Corneville"—Selection
(Planquette).
"Geisha"—Selection (Jones).
"Bebe Of New York"—Selection
(Kerker).
"The Mikado"—Selection (Sullivan).
10-15 p.m.—London Relay—Music-Hall.
11-15 p.m.—Close down.

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Frequencies—
GSG 2153 Mc/s (13.93 m.)
GSH 2147 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 1779 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 1518 Mc/s (19.76 m.)

10-45 a.m.—Big Ben Beethoven String
Quartets—5.
11-15 a.m.—Popular Classics.
11-50 a.m.—I Remember.
12-30 p.m.—The Song Reporter.
12-45 p.m.—The Vagabond Lover.
1 p.m.—"World Affairs." A talk by H.
Wickham Steed.
1-15 p.m.—Violoncello Recital by Rita
Sharpe.
1-30 p.m.—The News & Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 1-45 p.m.
1-55 p.m.—Close down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—
GSH 2147 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 1779 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
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GSH (to 330 p.m.) 2153 Mc/s

2-15 p.m.—Big Ben Music Hall.
3-15 p.m.—"Welcome Yule."
4 p.m.—The News & Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 4-15 p.m.
4-20 p.m.—"Oliver Twist" (Part I).
5-05 p.m.—Close down.

BERLIN BROADCAST

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2-15 p.m.—Short musical selections.
3 p.m.—News and Economic Review.
3-30 p.m.—The king has a good day.
5-45 p.m.—Press Review.
7 p.m.—Concert of Light Music.
8 p.m.—News.
9-15 p.m.—Solo concert.
10 p.m.—News and Economic Review.
10-15 p.m.—To-day in Germany.

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GSO 1518 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
GSD 1175 Mc/s (25.53 m.)
GSB 951 mc/s (31.55 m.)

G.M.T.

8-15 a.m.—Big Ben "Scrapbook for
1913".
9-15 a.m.—"Gower Reel." Forty songs
a side and no instrument playing.
9-35 a.m.—The News & Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 9-45 a.m.
9-55 a.m.—"World Affairs." A talk by
H. Wickham Steed.
10-10 a.m.—Instrumental Variety.
10-25 a.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

To The Ladies!

The recent international tourna-
ment at Budapest (which, incidentally,
proved to be a huge success)
established beyond cavil or doubt
that women need ask no quarter
from the greatest of men-experts in
a bridge contest. My wife, Josephine
Culbertson, and Mrs. A. M. Sobel,
both members of the Culbertson
team-of-four, acquitted themselves,
not merely with credit, but with
glory. Their sensational play was
the talk of Budapest. Charles Vogel-
hofer, the third member of our team,
played in his usual flawless fashion
and, as a matter of fact, the major
part of the blame for losing to
Austria in the final round can be
laid at the doorstep of your humble
scribe, who was most definitely off
stride. The following hand testifies
to the skill of Mrs. Sobel, who was
declarer.

North, dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—A Q 5 4

H.—K 4

D.—K Q 8 3

C.—A K 5

WEST

S.—J 10

H.—Q 9 6 2

D.—J 10 5 4

C.—Q 8 3

SOUTH

S.—K 8 7

H.—A 8 5 3

D.—A 7

C.—J 7 4 2

The bidding:

North East South West
1 spade Pass 2 no trump Pass
3 diamonds Pass 3 spades Pass
4 no trump Pass 5 no trump Pass
6 no trump Pass Pass
The opening lead was the spade
jack, won in dummy with the queen.

The ace of clubs was cashed and,
in order to try for the club break
and, at the same time, retain rigid
control of the suit, the low club was
next led from dummy. West won
with the queen, and led the ten of
spades. Dummy's ace won. The club
king was cashed, and declarer en-
tered her hand with the spade king.

On this play West had to discard
a heart in order to retain his dia-
mond stopper. The club jack now
forced West to another heart dis-
card, dummy and East discarding
diamonds. Having already squeezed
West out of two hearts, declarer
now proceeded to put East under
pressure by running three rounds of
diamonds. On the third round East
had to throw in the sponge. He
could not let go the nine of spades
without establishing dummy's five
spot, and to let go a heart would
be to relinquish the only defensive
stopper left in the suit.

On the wild hope that declarer
would miscount hearts and the real-
ization that a spade miscount was
impossible, East let go the heart
seven. But Mrs. Sobel does not make
mistakes, particularly in counting.
She cashed dummy's heart king and
won the last two and fulfilling tricks
with the ace and eight of hearts.
One hears a great deal about dou-
ble squeezes, but there are not many
experts, men or women, who execute
them flawlessly in the stress of a
tournament.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: Dealer opened the bid-
ding with one heart. Second hand
(my partner) doubled. Third hand
passed. What is my correct response
with
S.—Q J 10 7 6 4 3, H.—9 4
D.—9 6 2, C.—8?
Answer: Four spades.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Mr. Dodd
Takes the Air."—America's sensational
singing favourite, Kenny Baker, sup-
ported by Alice Brady, Frank McHugh,
Gertrude Michael, Jane Wymann, Luis
Alberni, John Eldridge and Henry
O'Neill in Frank Boddington Kelland's
hilarious successor to "Mr. Deeds Goes
to Town," with the added attraction of
four big song-hits by the star.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"Treasure
Island," with Wallace Beery, Jackie
Cooper and Lionel Barrymore. The
most widely read pirate story ever
written brought to the screen with vivid
reality.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"I Promise to
Pay."—Romance plays its part in
dramatic story of the loan shark racket
which is scheduled for early screening,
with Chester Morris and Helen Mack
as two of the film's principals. Leo
Carillo, Thomas Mitchell, Little Patsy
O'Connor, John Galloway, Crawford
Weaver and Thurston Hall also play
important roles.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Idol Of
The Crowd," with John Wayne and
Sheila Bromley. Thrill filled and con-
taining comedy, romance, mystery,
heroism and surprises the picture is a
gripping story with a background of
ice hockey competition.

AT THE KING'S—"Love Begins at
Twenty," is a hilarious comedy spiced
with thrills and romance, based on the
play by Martin Flavin. Besides Hugh
Herbert the cast includes Warren Hull,
Patricia Ellis, Hobart Cavanaugh, Do-
rothy Vaughan, Clarence Wilson and
Robert Gleckler.

AT THE STAR—"A Successful Ca-
lamity."—With George Arliss, Mary
Astor, Evelyn Knapp, Grant Mitchell,
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NATIONAL GOVERNMENT'S DENUNCIATION

Hankow, To-day.

The Chinese Government, from its new seat at Chungking, yesterday issued a proclamation branding the "provisional government" set up by the enemy at Peiping as "traitors who must expect the severest penalties."

The new "government" was set up, says the proclamation, in open violation of China's sovereign rights and territorial and administrative integrity.

All measures taken by the new "government," which is nothing but a Japanese puppet state, are therefore null and void.

"All members of this body are not only rebels but also traitors to their country."—Trans-Ocean.

ANOTHER PUPPET FOUND

Tokyo, To-day.

A report from Shihchiachuang, which is in Japanese hands, states that Ma Hao-shou, managing director of the important local Cheng-fong Trading concern, has informally accepted nomination as head of the projected municipal administration of Shihchiachuang.

The administration is expected to be brought into being on Friday.—Reuter.

JAPANESE STATEMENT AND THE FACT

Hankow, To-day.

The Japanese claim that there were still 20,000 Chinese troops in Nanking acting as snipers, actually referred to the "lost" units which made such a sensational break through the Japanese lines.—Trans-Ocean.

ARAB POLICEMAN SHOT DEAD

Jerusalem, To-day.

An Arab mounted policeman who was returning to his home on the outskirts of Jerusalem yesterday, was later found dead, his body riddled with bullets.—Reuter.

JAPAN GOES ON WITH OLYMPIC ARRANGEMENTS

The programme of the 1940 Olympics in Tokyo has been decided by the contest committee, subject to the approval of the Olympic Organising Committee meeting on Dec. 27.

The programme extends to sixteen days, starting on Aug. 24, when the opening ceremony is being held in the main stadium in the outer gardens of the Meiji Shrine, and closing on Sept. 8 with a ceremony also in the main stadium.

The programme will be submitted to the International Olympic Committee meeting in Cairo next month, at which Prince Tokiwa, Chairman of the Japanese Olympic organising committee, Dr. Jogorokano and Mr. Matsuzo Nagai, Secretary-general of the Japanese Olympic organising committee, will represent Japan.—Reuter.

END OF LEO KARAKHAN

Tokyo To-day.

A display rivalling that accorded news from China, is given by the newspapers to reports of the execution of Leo Karakhan, former Soviet Ambassador to China, on charge of high treason and espionage for an unnamed foreign country.

Mr. Yoshizawa, former Japanese Minister to China and former Foreign Minister, said: "I regret to hear of the Soviet diplomat's death."—Reuter.

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SIR GEOFFRY NORTHGOTE EXAMINING PLANS FOR SHELTERING REFUGEES

London, To-day.

THE Governor of Hong Kong is already examining the question of refugees from Canton, announced the Secretary for the Colonies, in the House of Commons yesterday.

The announcement was made in reply to a question from Col. J. C. Wedgwood, Labour member for Newcastle-under-Lyme, who enquired whether Chinese refugees would be allowed to enter British territory on the mainland opposite Hong Kong.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore, in reply, said that the Government was already examining the question with a view to providing within the British colony, shelters for as many genuine refugees as possible, subject to the necessary considerations regarding public health and food supplies.—Reuter.

OUT TO MAKE HAY WHILE THE SUN SHINES

Tokyo, To-day.

A group of officials of the Ministry of Communications, headed by Mr. Otojiro Watanabe, of the Bureau of Telegraphs, is leaving here to-day for North China to study communications facilities in the area under Japanese military occupation.

Plans for the economic development of North China were discussed by the Cabinet at a protracted meeting yesterday.

Mr. Kazami, Secretary-General of the Cabinet, explained the plans which cover the fields of industry and commerce and culture.—Reuter.

THE KIND AND CONSIDERATE JAPANESE

Shanghai, To-day.

A Japanese report from Changteh, Honan, states that General Hsia Jui-shen, "chairman of the autonomous government" has announced a drastic reduction in taxes in the area under his control.

The ruling will go into effect immediately.—Reuter.

GERMAN LINER'S S.O.S.

London, To-day.

The 8,000-ton American passenger liner "City of Hamburg" has sent out an S.O.S. stating, "We are sinking fast 10 miles east of Terschelling, Holland, after a collision."

The liner left Hamburg for Baltimore on Friday last week.—Reuter.

SOVIET GRANTS FISHING PACT EXTENSION

Moscow, To-day.

The Soviet has decided to extend for one year the Fisheries Convention with Japan, due to expire at the end of the year, according to the Tass news agency.

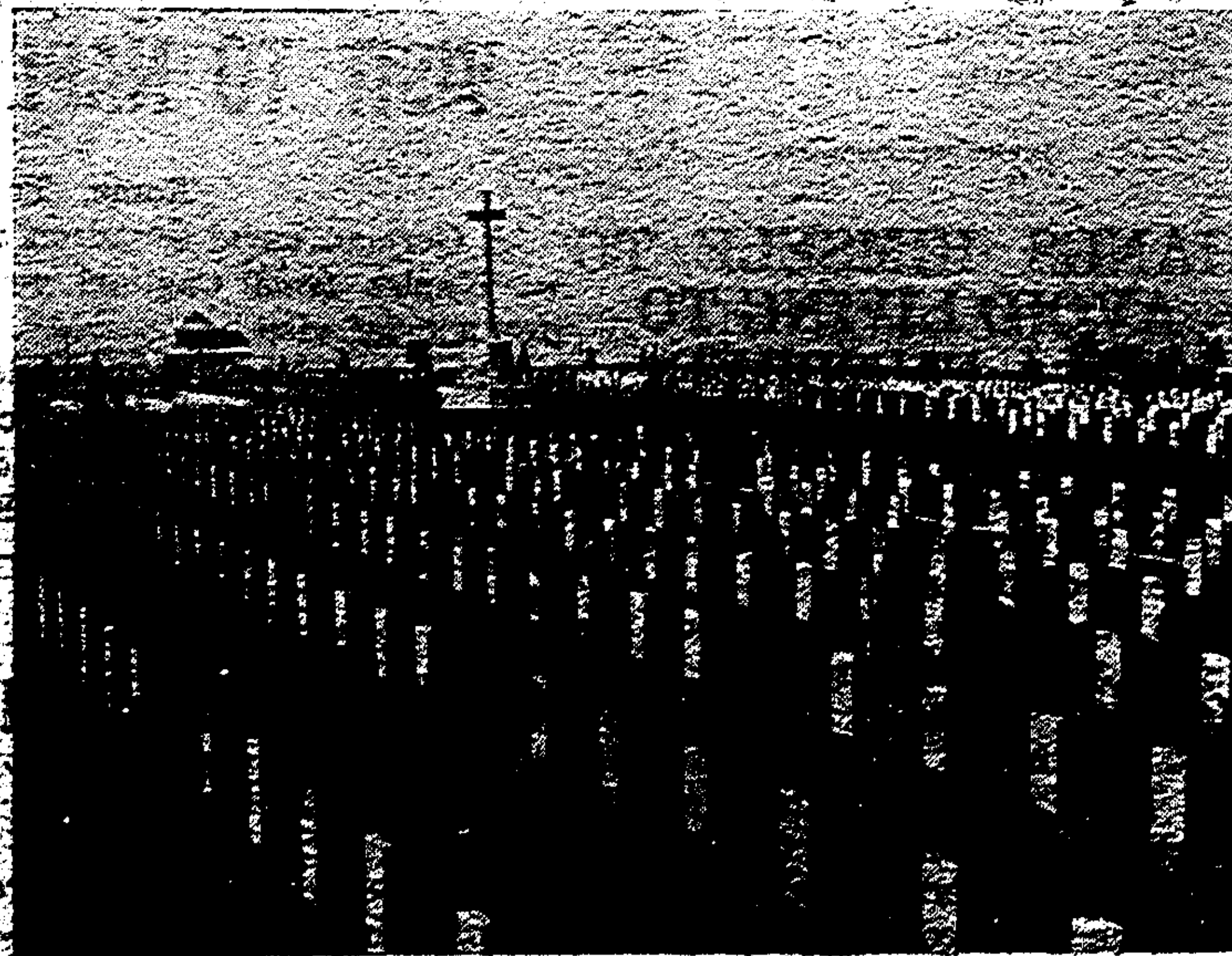
Japan had requested the Soviet to prolong the agreement for a year in view of the fact that negotiations to conclude a new Convention, begun in 1935, had not yet led to agreement.—Reuter.

M. DELBOS' VISIT TO BERLIN

Budapest, To-day.

Another report was published yesterday declaring that the French Foreign Minister intends to pay a visit to Berlin in the near future.

The report says that M. Yvon Delbos will go to Geneva on January 17 for the meeting of the League Council, and afterwards will proceed to the German capital.—Trans-Ocean.



The Military Cemetery at Villers-Bretonneux which is, in the shadow of the new Australian war memorial now being constructed in France and which will take the form of a great wall with a watch tower 100ft. high in the centre. It has been designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens. (Fox Copyright.)

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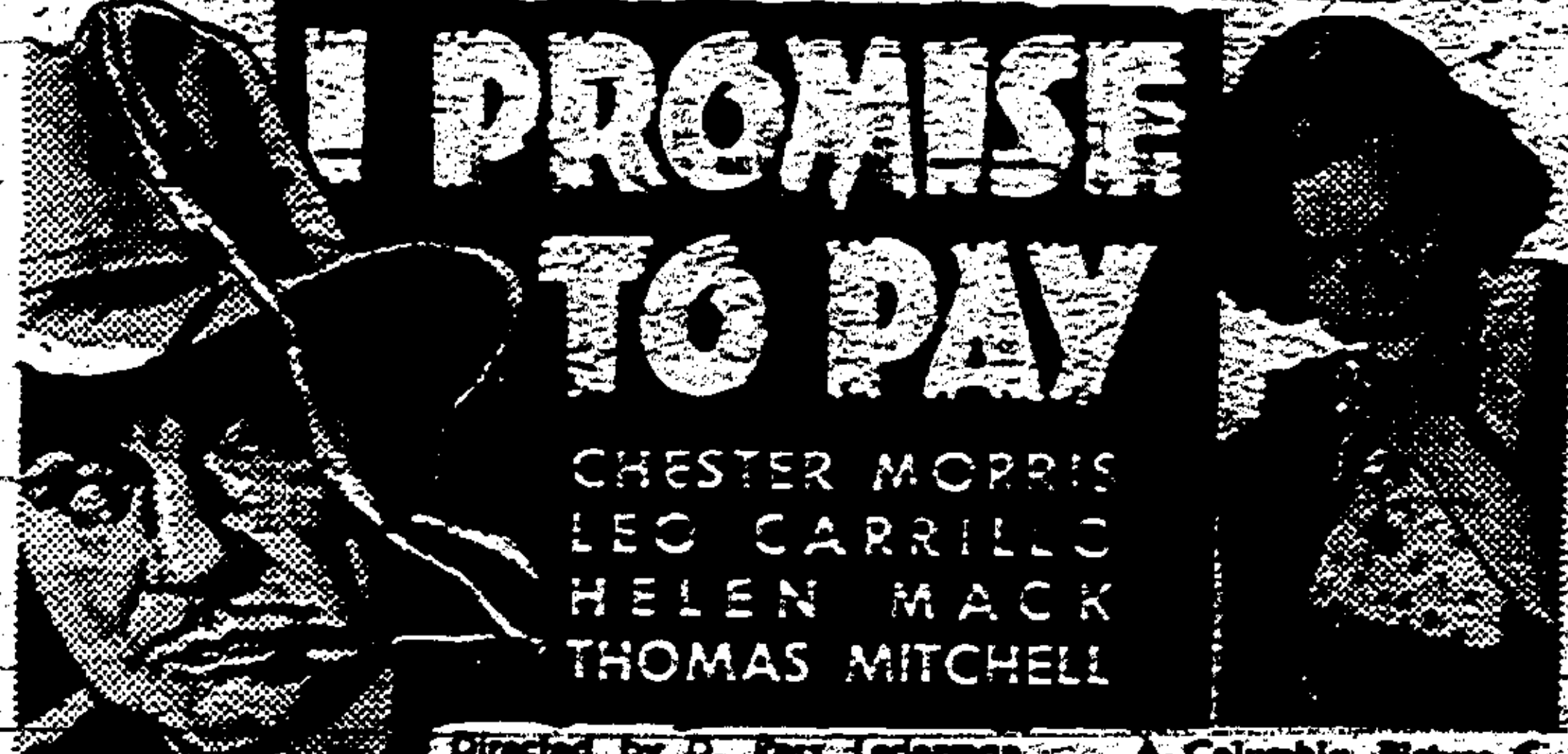
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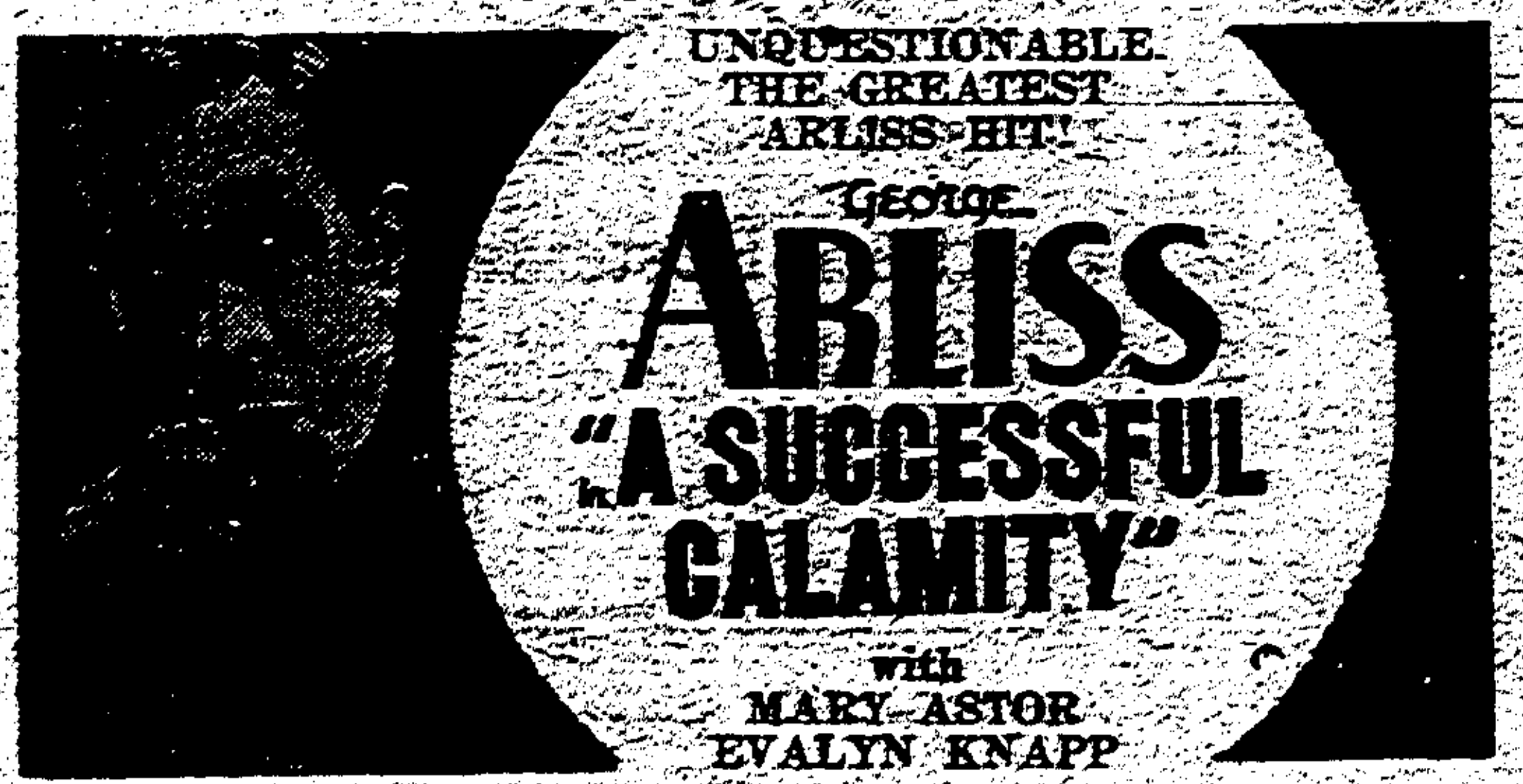
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OSTEND 'DROME CHIEF CHARGED FOLLOWING AIR DISASTER

Brussels, To-day.

The chief of Ostend airport, Joseph Daens, has been arrested on a charge of homicide through culpable negligence.

The arrest was made after a thorough official enquiry into the causes of the crash at Ostend on Nov. 16 in which nearly all members of the Grand Ducal family of Hesse were killed.

The report of the committee of investigation has not yet been published, but it is understood that the airport chief had received an order from Brussels to warn the pilot of the ill-fated plane not to make an intermediate landing at Ostend in view of the thick fog, but to proceed direct to Croydon.

NOT TRANSMITTED

The message was not transmitted to the pilot.

M. Daens made a statement in which he declared that owing to lack of time, he had been unable to transmit the message to the plane.

The investigation, however, revealed that there was plenty of time to warn the plane.—Trans-Ocean.

STATE FUNERAL OF LUDENDORFF

Munich, To-day.

The state funeral of the late General Erich Ludendorff begins this morning with the lying-in-state at the "Gate of Victory" in Munich, from where the coffin will be transferred at 10 a.m. to the Feldherrn Halle, where General Ludendorff, together with Herr Hitler, led the historic march of Nov. 9, 1923.

The Defence Minister, Field-Marshal von Blomberg, will deliver the funeral oration.

Representing ex-Kaiser Wilhelm will be Field-Marshal von Mackensen.

The funeral will take place at Tutzing at the late general's home.—Trans-Ocean.

HANGS HIMSELF TO AVOID LIVING TO BE A HUNDRED

Here is a strange story of a man who committed suicide at the age of 99 because he did not want to be a centenarian.

He was Dimo Singuleff of the village of Strashimorovo in North Bulgaria. Although he enjoyed good health and was active for his age, Dimo complained that he was lonely and that all his friends had passed on. Several times in recent years he declared that he was tired of life and would prefer to die.

Apparently seeing no signs of a natural end to his life, he hanged himself in a stable within a week or two of the 100th birthday.

ITALY'S THANKS

The senior Italian Naval officer in Shanghai, Capt. Zani, has sent a communique to the British Senior Naval Officer, in Shanghai, thanking him on behalf of the Italian Navy for the assistance rendered by the officers and men of the Bee to the two Italians on the U.S.S. Enay.

HOOVER CREW MEMBERS IN COURT

Five members of the crew of the President Hoover, Frank Streh, Elmer B. Asmussen, John R. Agnew, Jack H. Le Beau and Seymour Schechter were this morning charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy with being in the Colony without a valid passport.

Detective-Sergeant Russell said that all were members of the crew of the President Hoover and arrived in the Colony on December 16. The Dollar Line had arranged for them to leave for America by the President McKinley on Monday. First defendant missed his boat by accident, but the others refused to sail as they considered the accommodation unsatisfactory. The Company now treat them as deserters but are willing to arrange for their repatriation by the President Coolidge sailing on December 31, and the Police are to see them on board.

The defendants who admitted the offences were convicted and agreed to leaving by the Coolidge.

RUSSIANS FAIL TO BEHAVE

Alexander Sartakoff and Michael A. Zakatoff, two Russians, were this morning charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy with being destitutes in the Colony and with having no valid passports. The defendant who pleaded guilty were committed to the House of Detention and had expulsion orders made against them.

Detective-Sergeant Russell said defendants arrived some time ago from Canton and were allowed to stay on the guarantee of the Russian Community. They repaid that kindness by being drunk and disorderly and were sentenced at the Kowloon Magistracy.

GERMAN NAVY VISIT TO NAPLES

Rome, To-day.

A German naval squadron arrived at Naples from Cagliari yesterday for a brief visit.

The squadron, commanded by Rear-Admiral Marschall, consists of the battleship Deutschland, the destroyers Falke, Moewe, Kondor, Greif and an oil tanker.—Trans-Ocean.

CLOUDY WITH DRIZZLE

The Royal Observatory reported this morning that the anti-cyclone appears to be moving eastward, pressure being highest over the Eastern Sea.

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"UNITED STATES BREAK WITH JAPAN THREATENS"

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CRISIS TO BE HANDLED ON STRONG NATIONAL BASIS

Washington, To-day.

The ex-Presidential candidate, Mr. Alfred Landon, has telegraphed to President Roosevelt pledging full support of the President in any move the latter should make in the present crisis in the Far East.

Mr. Landon added: "The whole country should be behind you in view of the situation, on a non-partisan basis."

President Roosevelt, in his reply, declared: "I believe the overwhelming majority of our countrymen desire the peace of all peoples, but throughout history we have rejected every suggestion that ultimate security can be assured by closing our eyes to the fact that we are a part of the world and owe a measure of co-operation, and even leadership, in maintaining a standard of conduct helpful to the goal of general peace."

Mr. Landon's telegram is regarded as a valuable reinforcement for President Roosevelt to help him handle the crisis on a strong national basis.

Meanwhile, simultaneously with Mr. Landon's telegram the newspapers are adopting a sterner, and some even a bellicose, tone, regarding the Far Eastern question.

BREAK THREATENS

For instance, the Washington "Times" headlines proclaim "United States Break with Japan Threatens."

The Washington "News" in an editorial declares that peace may depend upon the attempt to gauge American public opinion by a few Japanese war lords on the rampage in China.

While no American wants war, there is reason to fear there may be just one Panay too many.

"WE HOPE SO"

The paper adds: "If Nippon's mad expansionists force the issue, she may find five nations — Britain, France, the Netherlands, Russia and the United States — instead of one, against her, but there is no doubt that Mr. Saito (the Japanese Ambassador in Washington) has already told this to Tokyo."

"We hope so anyway, for the sake of us all."—Reuter.

While Mr. Ellis of Harbour View, was driving into the Vehicular Ferry yesterday, Mak Hing-wan, aged 40, walked into the rear side of the car and received injuries to his head. He was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

Sapper Whitters, R. E., of Wellington Barracks, has reported that while driving an army lorry along Frontier Road yesterday, he knocked down Lui Yui-yin who received injuries to the head and legs. He was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

AUSTRIA AND THE HABSBURGS

Restoration Hint

ARCHDUKE OTTO'S BIRTHDAY

The question of a Habsburg restoration is discussed in the Vienna "Weltblatt," which frequently voices the opinions of Dr. Schuschnigg, the Chancellor. The article, headed "Birthday in a Foreign Land," is concerned with the 25th birthday of "Otto von Habsburg, chief of the House of Austria."

"An Austria without crown and throne is not a full Austria," it states. But, it adds, Austria's future must be made certain before the restoration can be considered. Restoration must not be an experiment liable to be shattered by external hostility.

The Legitimist movement, the paper says, has to-day full liberty to work within the Fatherland Front, but it has not yet absorbed that Front, which is the only political body tolerated Austria.

The article continues:

"When the day comes that it does so, and the banner of monarchy marches before the Fatherland Front, one will be able justly to speak of Legitimism having properly taken root in Austria. When that stage is reached the internal steps preliminary to bringing home the Emperor's son will be taken."

DUKE OF WINDSOR INSPECTS ESTATE

Paris, To-day.

The Duke and Duchesse of Windsor yesterday inspected a large estate situated in beautiful surroundings near Barbizon, in Fontainebleau Forest.

Quarters close to the former King state that the ducal couple will probably choose this estate as their future residence, and not Mortefontaine, in Touraine, as originally planned.—Trans-Ocean.

EMPEROR APPROVES NEW POLICY

Tokyo, To-day.

Emperor Hirohito yesterday approved the Government's new China policy, which provides for continuation of hostilities in China until the Nanking Government "reconsiders its anti-Japanese attitude."

Prince Konoye, the Premier, who displayed a leading role in drafting the new policy, is confined to his bed with a bad cold.—Reuter.

HIROTA IN CHARGE

Tokyo, To-day.

Yesterday's Cabinet Council was presided over by the Foreign Minister owing to the Premier's indisposition.

After the Council, Mr. Hirota visited the Emperor to receive Imperial Assent to the decisions regarding China.

Recognition of the new Peiping "government" was apparently one of the questions decided at the Cabinet meeting.—Trans-Ocean.

The following message was sent from the British Yangtze Flotilla to the Admiralty: All officers and men of the Yangtze Flotilla wish to assure their relatives and friends that they are well and wish them a merry Christmas.

RUMANIAN ELECTION

Bucharest, To-day.

The Liberal, or Government, Party, obtained 41 per cent. of all votes cast in the general election, and under Rumanian electoral law, it commands an absolute majority of seats in the new Parliament.

The National Peasants Party polled 22 per cent., the Fatherland Party 17 and the Christian Nationalists 7 per cent.—Trans-Ocean.

Mr. A. Cruz, of the Nathan Hotel, has reported that an unknown Chinese stole from him at the Wong Kung Boarding House, a suitcase containing clothing, money and a camera, to the total value of \$849.

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SISTERS' ART EXHIBITION

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WORLD GOES BY

By "ULYSSES"

To-day is the last day of the joint exhibition of Chinese watercolours by the Misses Hsiung Pi-shuang, Hsiung Yau-shuang and Hsiung Pei-shang at the St. Francis Hotel.

These artists are the pride of Chinese lady-painters to-day, and they deserve every success not only because of the objects for which the present exhibition is held, but also because of the good art they have produced.

Principally, the sisters are painters of plants and flowers. Unlike Mr. Chiu Shiu-ngong whose exhibition is held being simultaneously at the China Building, who paints his flowers as they are seen in Nature, they paint flowers as seen in domestic homes, so that they sometimes introduce into their work still life objects.

There are on view many pictures painted in co-operation by the sisters, of which the most noteworthy are "Lotus" and "Pine Tree" with "Birds."

On account of the very absorbent nature of the paper (raw rice-paper) they use, as distinct from that of a non-absorbent nature used by most Chinese artists for the sake of easy handling, every wash and brush mark they put on paper is strictly decisive and economic, and this has resulted in very little or no back ground wash being applied.

Of the flower paintings by Miss Hsiung Yau-shuang, no doubt her best is seen in the picture "Autumn Flowers" painted in co-operation

with her late master, the late Mr. Ko Ki Fung who, incidentally, was also the past master of Mr. Chiu Shiu-ngong. Perhaps her most ambitious picture was the long hand-roll titled "One Hundred Peons." In this particular picture each of the hundred peons has been treated in a different manner, both in regard to arrangement and colour. Another ambitious task, undertaken by her sister Miss Hsiung Pei-shuang, is the long hand-roll picture "One Hundred Flowers" in which different kinds of flowers are depicted. Finally, Miss Hsiung Pi-shuang is credited with "One Hundred Baskets of Flowers" in which both the baskets and flowers are treated in most decorative manner.

Miss Hsiung Pi-shuang has also some figure subjects on view. "Boy Pecking the Fly" is a typical example in this respect. Her "Eagle," however, lacks form through insufficient observation. But in Miss Hsiung Yau-shuang's "Black Duck" the realisation of both form and texture is successful. Other successful studies were "Hydrangea" by the same artist, and "Seven Pigs" by Miss Hsiung Pi-shuang.

It is understood that several hundred dollars have been obtained from the sale of pictures and all such proceeds will, in due course, be applied towards Chinese War Relief. It is hoped that friends of China and art lovers alike will support the Exhibition by procuring pictures from this Exhibition, thereby serving a twofold purpose.

FROM "Our Happy Memories" stowaway in 'gaol' were bliss "be- Series. No. 3,472: entitled "That Old Suet Pudding." Dedicated to Mr. T. C. McClary, American author, to whom the suet pudding he ate in an English prison, twelve years ago, is still his "dream of delight." Recently he confided to Reuter that he was pining for some more of it; his two months as a

cause of that suet pudding. Don't you talk to me about Clam Chowder.

Lobster a la Newberg's naught to me!

When the dinner-gong goes there's a louder

Call I hear across the surging sea.

Yep! I've been somme sinner—did I rue it?

Nope! I gladly stooped to kiss the rod!

You don't know the meaning, folk, of Suet.

Till Dame Britannia puts you into quod.

Oh— Tempt me not with sauces from the cruet!

Cocktail Snacks to me are Second-Grade!

I want nothing—that's all there is to it—

Momma— But Suet Pudding like my War-der made.

Punishment they say leads to repentance.

Did I take my oath to sin no more?

When I reached the finish of my sentence

I bedewed with tears the prison door.

If I knew another crime I'd do it Nigh that Devon burg they've titled Prince.

Just for one more help of English Suet,

The Pudding that I've dreamed of ever since.

Oh— Take away that Waffle—I can't chew it.

Slowly to a skeleton I fade... Mebbe up in Heaven they serve Suet—

Momma— Exactly like my Dear Old War-der made!

EGYPT RALLIES TO SUPPORT OF YOUNG KING

Cairo, To-day.

Demonstrations of loyalty to King Faroukh were staged in Cairo yesterday.

As the Hungarian Minister arrived at the Royal Palace to present his credentials, crowds of demonstrators surrounded the Palace shouting expressions of loyalty, and when the young King appeared on the balcony, fresh waves of yelling swept the square.

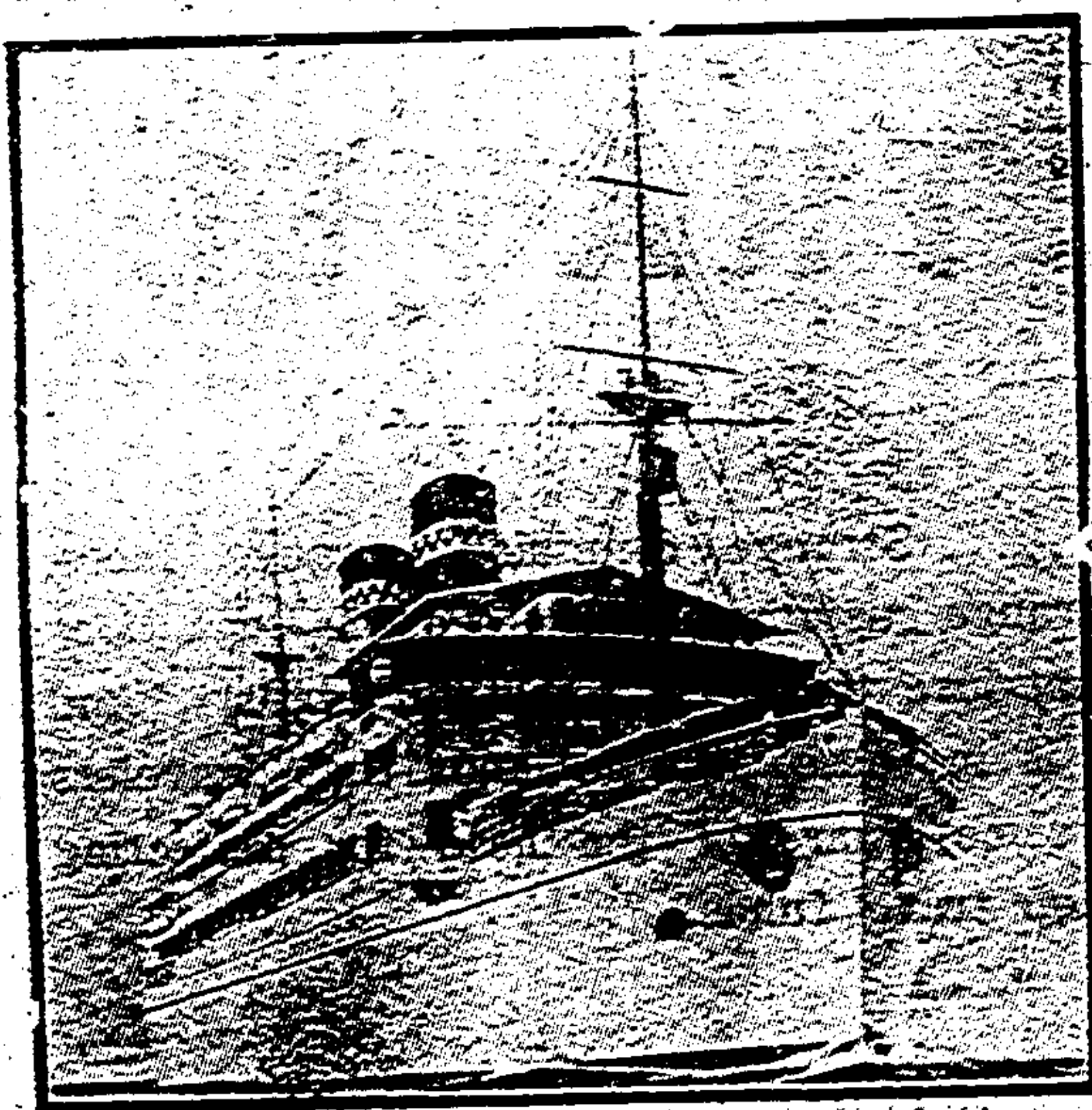
Five times, the young monarch appeared, and the scene was repeated.

MINISTER ATTACKED

The Finance Minister's car was attacked and damaged when he was attempting to enter the Palace yesterday.

Learning of the incident, King Faroukh ordered his own bodyguards to protect the Minister when the latter left—Reuter.

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ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS

Mr. Winston Churchill On Colonial Problem

MR. EDEN DENIES BRITISH INTENTION OF MAKING A DEAL

London, To-day.

MR. Winston Churchill, referring, during the debate on foreign affairs in the House of Commons yesterday to the question of restoration of War conquests, said we were not called to express an opinion on this matter until a specific request was formally made to us, but if and when it is made, we should say we are ready to discuss it in a friendly spirit provided that every other country, or the bulk of countries who made such conquests, are ready to discuss the situation on equal terms.

There must be no singling out of Britain to be the only Power to be invited to make these sacrifices. He was not asking the British Government to make any immediate declaration of their intentions in regard to the former German colonies, but though there were a very large number of people in Great Britain who would be willing to make sacrifices to meet the German wishes if it could be assured it meant a genuine and lasting peace in Europe, none of them would yield a scrap of territory just to keep the Nazi kettle boiling.

MR. EDEN'S DENIAL

The Foreign Secretary, replying to Mr. Churchill, categorically denied the suggestion in certain quarters that the Government intended to try and make a settlement with Germany in the colonial field on the basis of a deal at the expense of the other colonial Powers.

Mr. Eden added that just as we are not seeking a solution of the colonial problem at the expense of other Powers, so we are not seeking a solution of European difficulties at the expense of other Powers in Europe.—Reuter.

NOT NEGOTIATIONS

The Prime Minister referred to the various recent international conversations. He emphasised that it was never the expectation or intention of the government that these conversations should produce immediate results. They were conversations and not negotiations. In their course, no proposals were made, no pledges given, no bargains struck. Their object was to establish personal contact and arrive at a clear understanding on each side of the policies and outlook of different governments.

As the result of the Halifax visit to Germany he thought he might say that they now had a fairly definite idea of the problems which in the view of the Government had to be solved if they were to arrive at the condition of European affairs that all desired, in which nations might look upon one another with a desire to cooperate instead of regarding each other with suspicion and resentment.

GENERAL EFFORT

The visit must be considered as the first step towards a general effort at what was sometimes called a general settlement—moving when suspicions had been laid aside and when confidence had been again restored.

That obviously postulated all must make their contribution towards the common end. Also that conclusions could not be hurried or forced.

A certain period of time lay before them during which further study and exploration must take place.

What had happened so far was only a preliminary to a more extended but he hoped a more fruitful future. He appealed for restraint and toleration by the Press.—British Wireless.

HOUSING BILL SHELVED

Washington, To-day.

The special session of Congress was yesterday adjourned sine die before an agreement could be reached on the Housing Bill, which must go to committee, where the differences between the versions passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives will be ironed out.

Final enactment will not be until the regular session of Congress in January.

The special session has thus adjourned without carrying out any of President Roosevelt's major legislative recommendations.—Reuter.

"EARL BALDWIN" IN LATIN PLAY

London, To-day.

The King and Queen visited Westminster School on Monday night to see the annual Latin Play acted by the pupils.

After the play, the traditional epilogue was given in which a satire on political figures was staged.

One member of the cast appeared as Earl Baldwin, with a big pipe in his mouth, holding a dummy pig and announcing his intention of retiring.

This was the first time in history that a ruling King and his consort attended the play, which has been annually performed since 1560 by order of Queen Elizabeth, who commanded that the King's Scholars of Westminster School must perform one of a cycle of Latin plays each year.—Reuter.

BARRIE MANUSCRIPTS AUCTIONED

London, To-day.
Manuscripts of the late Sir James Barrie were auctioned in London yesterday for £2,794. The MSS. included leaves from "Peter Pan" and "Wendy".—Reuter.

MR. EDEN ANNOYS ITALY

Rome, To-day.

Mr. Anthony Eden's statement in the House of Commons on Italian propaganda in the Near and Middle East, is characterised as "unfounded" by the London correspondents of Rome newspapers.

"Messaggero" says that Britain, after successfully using piracy in the Mediterranean and the Spanish volunteer question as reasons which prevent rapprochement with Italy, now has recourse to Italian propaganda in Palestine.

It will be interesting to know, says the correspondent, what further pretexts will be discovered in London in the "vain effort to conceal the bad faith of the British Government."—Trans-Ocean.

TERUEL FALLS TO GOVERNMENT FORCES

Paris, To-day.

There now seems little doubt that the Spanish Government troops have captured Teruel after one of the bloodiest battles in the civil war, which has gone almost unnoticed in view of the crisis in the Far East.

Government planes dropped leaflets urging the insurgents and the populace to surrender, but the latter appear to have every intention of fighting to the last.

There appears to be one complication from the Government point of view, as the insurgent commander, General Aranda, is counter-attacking with a strong column from the mountains.

The column is receiving a steady stream of reinforcements.—Trans-Ocean.

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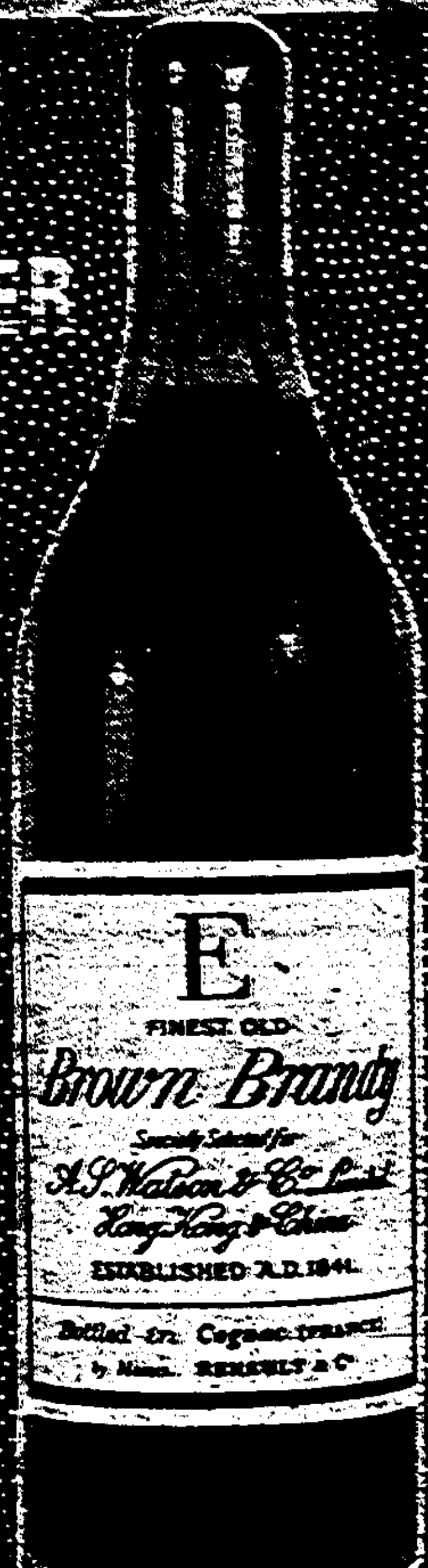
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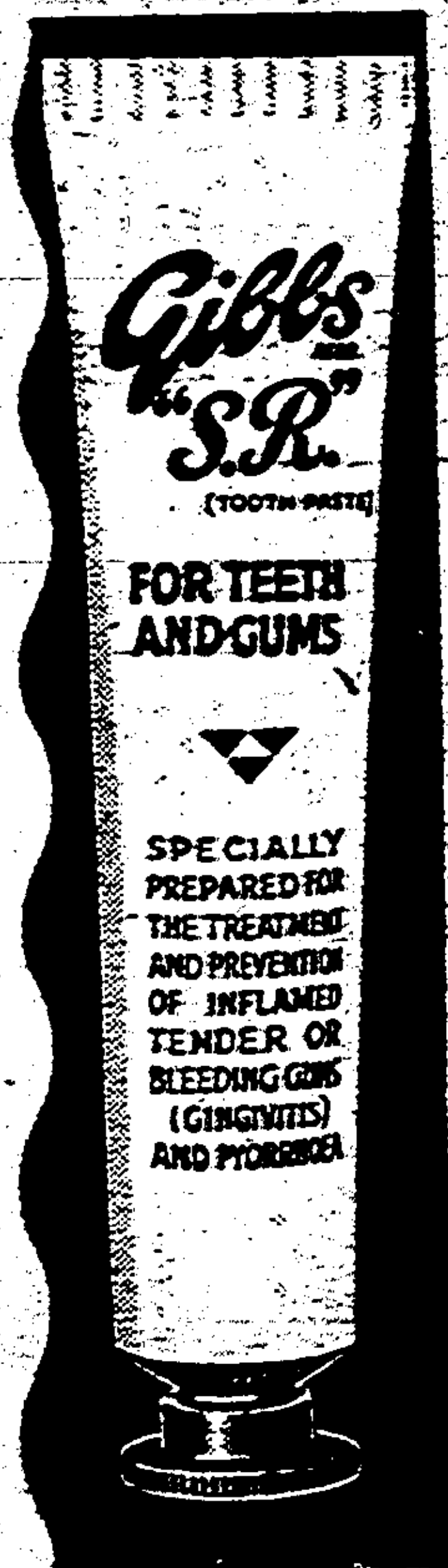
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BRITISH POLICY IN CHINA

If the appointment of a new British Ambassador to China is indicative of decision in Whitehall upon a settled line of policy in the Far East, the announcement will be welcomed in spite of the deep regret felt at the severe loss to Britain and China of the services of Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, who was ideally fitted for the China post. That a decisive policy should be defined, and defined beyond room for misunderstanding, is essential. That has been illustrated by the comments of the Japanese press which apparently defy Britain to enter into friendly relations with a Canton regime and recommends — for Britain's own good — that we seek to make the best bargain we can from Japan at sacrifice of support for China.

It is Japan that submits these alternatives but, truly, there is no choice. No British Government could long survive which frankly disowned responsibility except for the interests of E.C. 3, and negotiated the protection of British rights and interests with Japan, on Japanese terms. Our way can lie only in support for China. It may be nothing more than moral support, but of that, under no circumstances, could she be deprived.

Japan is foolish, more foolish than her excesses have already shown, if she imagines that the war is virtually over with the capture of Nanking. On the contrary, recent moves in China should give her occasion for deepest thought. Chiang Kai-shek's long history has been forgotten in Tokyo; his patience at setback after setback during his early revolutionary career under the leadership of Dr. Sun Yat-sen; his ultimate triumph in the face of greater odds, apparently, than he faces to-day. In Hankow,

Chiang Kai-shek has been thrown back upon himself, but there is no sign of defeat either in his words or his actions. Rather does it seem that the real China is flowering in the hour of adversity.

Running through all the Sino-Japanese conflict in modern times has been the complexity caused by European and American territorial, commercial or financial interests in China. Nearly a hundred years has passed since Britain led the foreign intrusion into Chinese ports, just as she has played the chief part subsequently in that financial investment which resulted in foreign supervision of the collection of the principal Chinese revenues. The "treaty ports" on the coast and on the Yangtse, the Powers' railway investments, commercial conventions, territorial leases, and extra-territorial rights, all speak of those European (chiefly British) interests which China has latterly invoked to assist her in withstanding Japan. This undoubtedly China has hoped to turn to her own account. The Brussels Conference virtually replied that it could do nothing but express stern disapproval of Japan. The developments latterly suggest that the Chinese Government and people are apparently determined to put the Western Powers to the test. Their refusal to those Powers' unwillingness to intervene is a preparation to retire before Japan, if necessary, to the far and secure west of China. Shanghai, the Yangtse ports, the Shanghai-Peking and the Peking-Canton railways, the cotton-mills, the trading concessions and river-trading stations, the Customs and salt revenue controls, the foreign banking systems — these will all be left, along with the vast floor of Central China, to the mercies of the Japanese invader — unless the Western Powers are moved to assert themselves for their own sakes.

This is the prospect suggested by the Chinese counter-move in reply to Tokyo on the one hand, and to the Powers on the other. If it be a point of honour with Japan never to withdraw her foot where once she has set it down, then Japan had better reflect seriously now how far she intends to go. The Japanese Government has hitherto declined to state its objectives, or to deal with any party save China. It is quite obvious that this attitude must change, unless Tokyo, upon this present Chinese gesture, is prepared to deliver a direct challenge to Britain, France, and the United States. There has so far been no sign from the Japanese Government that it contemplates such a challenge. But silence may soon be misinterpreted. China in extreme emergency has become wise in diplomacy. What we do not know is whether sheer adventure, and the anti-Comintern pact with Germany and Italy as encouragement, will tempt Japan to recklessness without China's warrant in desperation. Admittedly the outlook thus portrayed is black. Within the nearer range of developments there should be ample room for compromise and settlement. But the dangers ahead are incalculable. The anti-Japanese agitation in China is running in full flood, and it seems likely that the real Revolution in China is at last coming to a head. For Young China has seized the helm, and in face of the full typhoon.

PATIENCE DOES NOT MEAN INDIFFERENCE

Mr. Chamberlain On British Far East Policy

DEMAND FOR ACTION IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

SIR ARTHUR SALTER SURVEYS OUTLOOK

London, To-day.

Replying in the important debate on foreign affairs in the House of Commons yesterday regarding the Far East, the Prime Minister said: "What we are now doing is await proof of the determination and ability of the Japanese Government to prevent recurrence of recent incidents."

Mr. Chamberlain said: "We are still anxious to serve the cause of peace by any honourable means open to us, but it must not be thought that our desire for peace and our patience under repeated provocation means that we are either indifferent to our international obligations or that we are forgetful of our duty to protect British interests."

"It is now for the Japanese Government to show that they in their turn are not unmindful of the rights and interests of foreigners, and that their assurances and apologies mean something more than words."

THE TRUTH

In his preamble, the Prime Minister said: "Whatever may be the truth whether the Japanese forced war on China, or whether, as Japanese apologists seem to indicate, Japan was forced to defend herself against Chinese aggression—

it is certainly a fact that no attempt was ever made by Japan to seek a settlement by peaceful means."

Mr. Chamberlain also referred to the Japanese refusal to have anything to do with the Brussels Conference, and declared that coercion would not have obtained the support of any member of the Conference.

BRITAIN'S OBLIGATIONS

Sir Archibald Sinclair, leader of the Liberal opposition, speaking after the Prime Minister, advocated fulfilment of our obligations under the Nine-Power Treaty.

He recognised frankly that this would involve economic pressure on Japan, and we would have to be prepared with such forces as would make prospects of retaliation hopeless.

He stated the opinion that the respect the Japanese militarists would show to British interests would be in direct ratio to our capacity and resolve to defend them.

EXIT ON THE OPEN DOOR

Doubtless, if the Japanese won against China and we still had no greater means of defence on the spot, they would keep the open door in China for British merchants but across it would be written the word "exit."

In regard to Hong Kong, he suggested the movement of ships to positions capable of defending British interests if they are directly attacked.

Such movements would not be inconsistent with neutrality, and this

could be undertaken only in close co-operation with France, both in European and Far-Eastern waters.

U. S. POSITION

We had no right to call for United States co-operation to defend purely British interests, but while Britain and the United States were in close collaboration, the latter could not misunderstand our motives.

Once it was apparent to the United States that we were determined to act on our own responsibility, the United States might decide to act on parallel lines to protect their interests.

JAPAN'S AIM

Sir Arthur Salter declared that Japan was aiming not only at domination of China, but hegemony in the East to the complete exclusion of the West.

He admitted the difficulties of combined action but pointed out that Mr. Henry Stimson, United States Secretary of State in 1931, drew attention to the fact that Japan depended for her vital resources in conducting her campaign on imports from the British Empire and the United States.

In any combined action, the risk of hostile reformat must be contemplated, but if that action included two of the greatest countries, he did not believe the risk would be very great.

DESIRED END

Anyhow, momentary inferiority, military or naval, should not deter us if our ultimate resources were certain to lead us to the desired end.

Mr. A. V. Alexander, winding up the debate for the Labour Opposition, declared that the Japanese would control the whole of the maritime provinces of China and the whole of the Customs unless something was done to prevent it.

COLLECTIVE SECURITY

In regard to United States co-operation, it was not the best way to obtain full support from the people of the United States to ask them to intervene on purely British or purely American interests. He stated the opinion that the

SHOE BEGINS TO PINCH

Tokyo, To-day.

A draft measure providing for the creation of a "Brains Trust" in the Finance Ministry, has been formally approved by the Cabinet.

The new organ will be charged with the task of assisting the Government in formulating its finance policy to meet the situation arising from the protracted hostilities in China.—Reuter.

best way to appeal, even to the American nation, was on the wide basis of collective security.

Mr. Alexander criticised the Government for not placing an embargo on export of arms to Japan, and hoped that every possible help would be given China for purchase of arms.

SANCTIONS URGED

The Government would not be doing all they could to vindicate the Covenant of the League if they did not propose, through the League, operation of Sanctions to prevent war materials reaching Japan.

If attacked because they were

exercising economic Sanctions in agreement with the rest of the members of the League, they must stand together and defend themselves.—Reuter.

RISK OF WAR

The Foreign Secretary, winding up the debate, said in regard to the Labour advocacy of Sanctions, that effective Sanctions meant the risk, if not the certainty, of war.

Nobody should contemplate any action of that kind in the Far East unless they were convinced they had overwhelming force to back their policy.

Mr. Eden pointed out that in the League of Nations there were only two great naval powers, Britain and France, and overwhelming force did not exist.

Any course of action in the Far East must depend on the co-operation of other nations besides members of the League.

INTERNATIONAL ORDER

Mr. Eden said he was convinced there would be no assurance of lasting peace in the world until international order was generally adopted by the nations, and some limitation of armaments formed part of that acceptance.

"We have got to live through this period of acute uncertainty."

The Foreign Secretary said: "We have great interests in the Far East not incompatible with those of other nations there, which we shall do the utmost to defend."

THREE PRINCIPLES

"In our view, the present conflict (Continued on Page 17)

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Four uneventful years as Minister in Stockholm were followed by a period in Iraq, which proved more peaceful than might have been expected.

He was Counsellor at Cairo in 1924, when the Sirdar, Sir Lee Stack, was murdered, and he drafted the ultimatum which he and Lord Allenby delivered personally to the Egyptian Government.

At the time of his Baghdad appointment, Sir Archibald was the youngest Ambassador until Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, the retiring Ambassador in China, usurped him.

Sir Archibald is a Scot, a man of the world, a keen sportsman and expert linguist.—Reuter.

PRO-CHINESE KEY

London, To-day. Political quarters here attach great importance to the appointment of Sir Archibald Clark Kerr as Ambassador in China.

The appointment is regarded as a demonstration of Britain's pro-Chinese sympathies, also as indication that the Government regards the Far Eastern situation as serious.

The papers publish Sir Archibald's career in full.

Fifty-five years of age, he is married to a Chilean lady.—Trans-Ocean.

MR. R.G. HOWE TO STAY ON TEMPORARILY

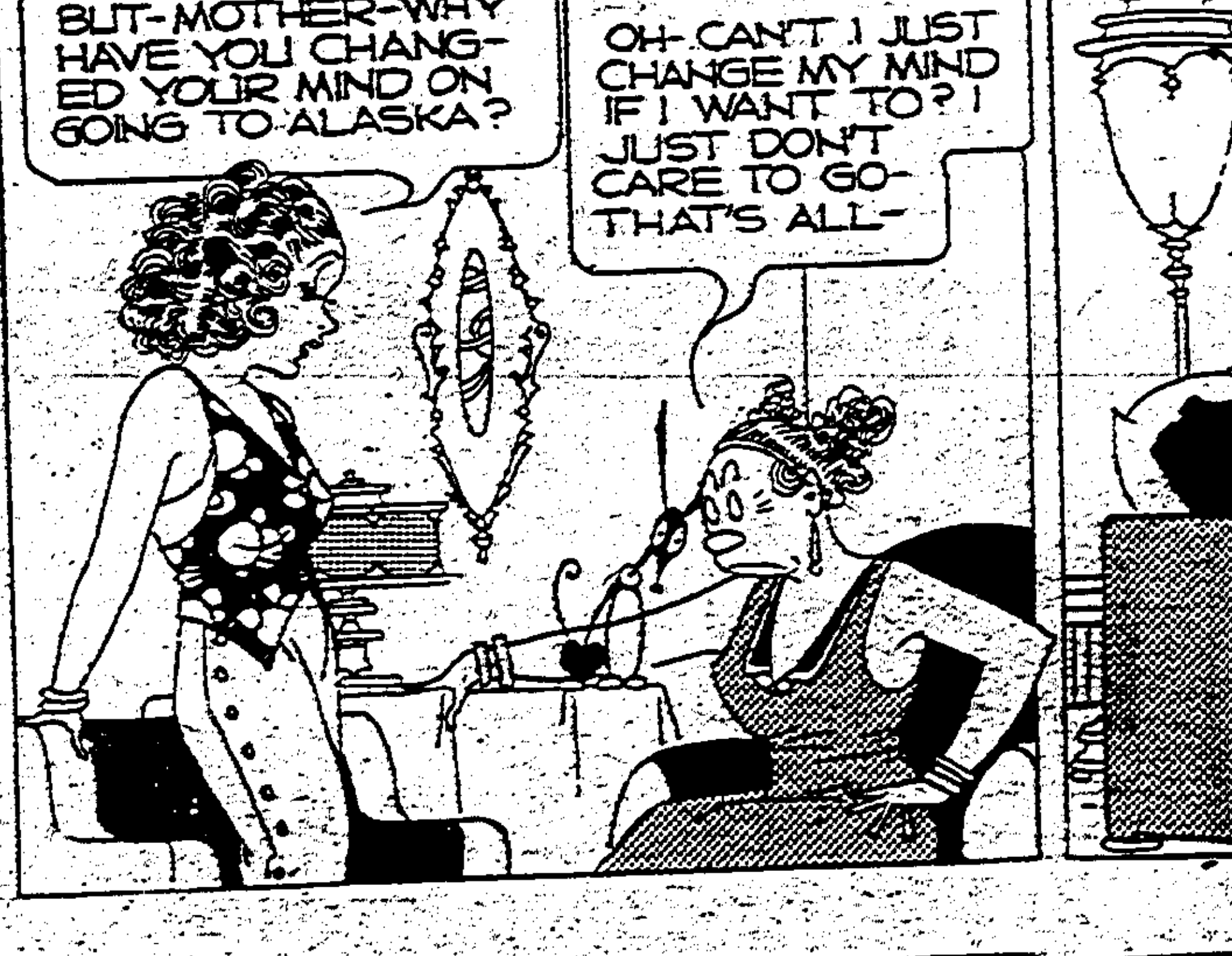
London, To-day.

It is understood that Mr. R. G. Howe, Charge d'Affaires in China, is remaining at his post until the new Ambassador, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, arrives, instead of returning immediately to take over the China Department of the Foreign Office.

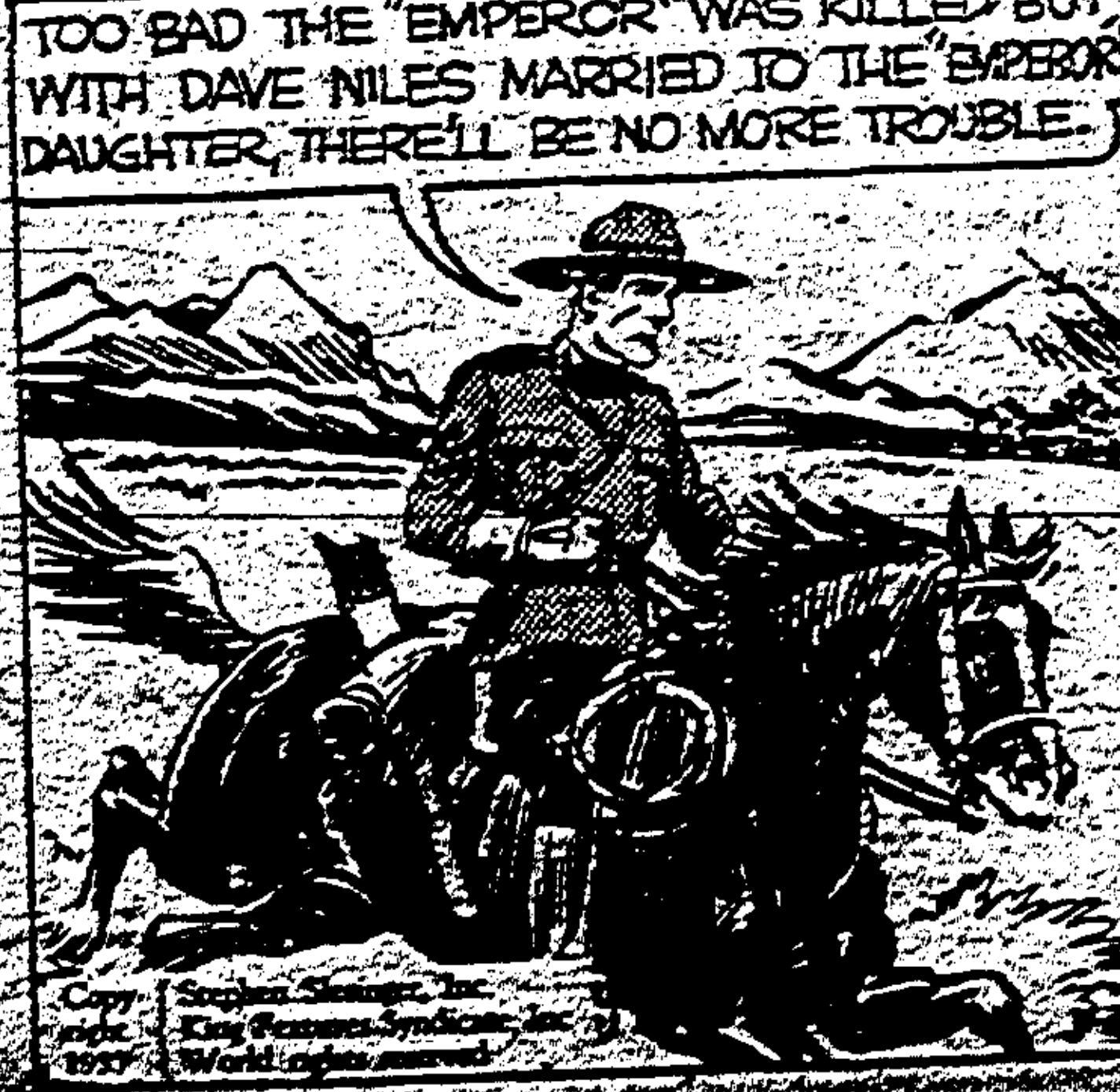
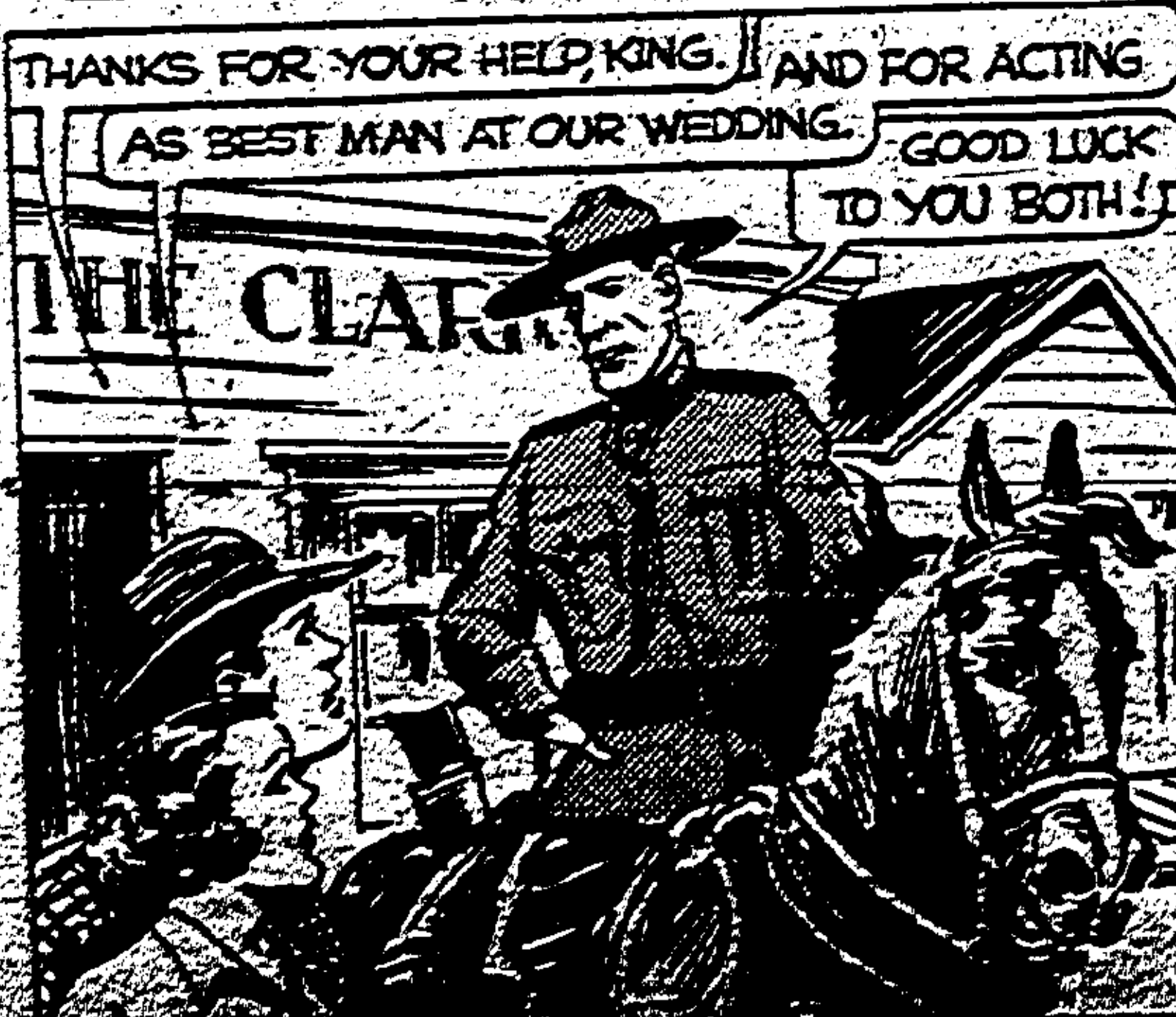
Efforts are also being made to retain Mr. A. D. Blackburn, Counsellor at the Embassy, in China, at least temporarily.—Reuter.

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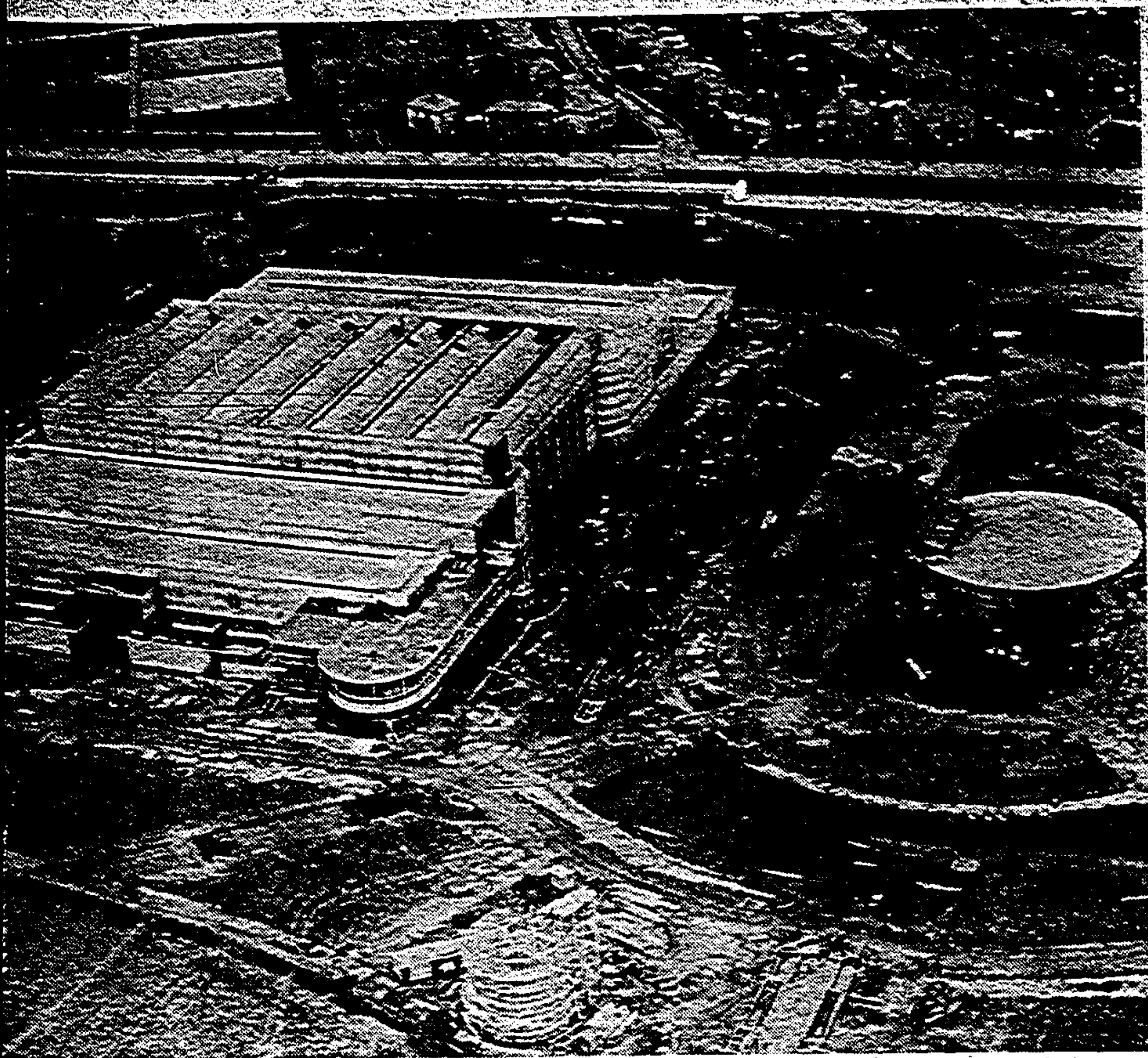


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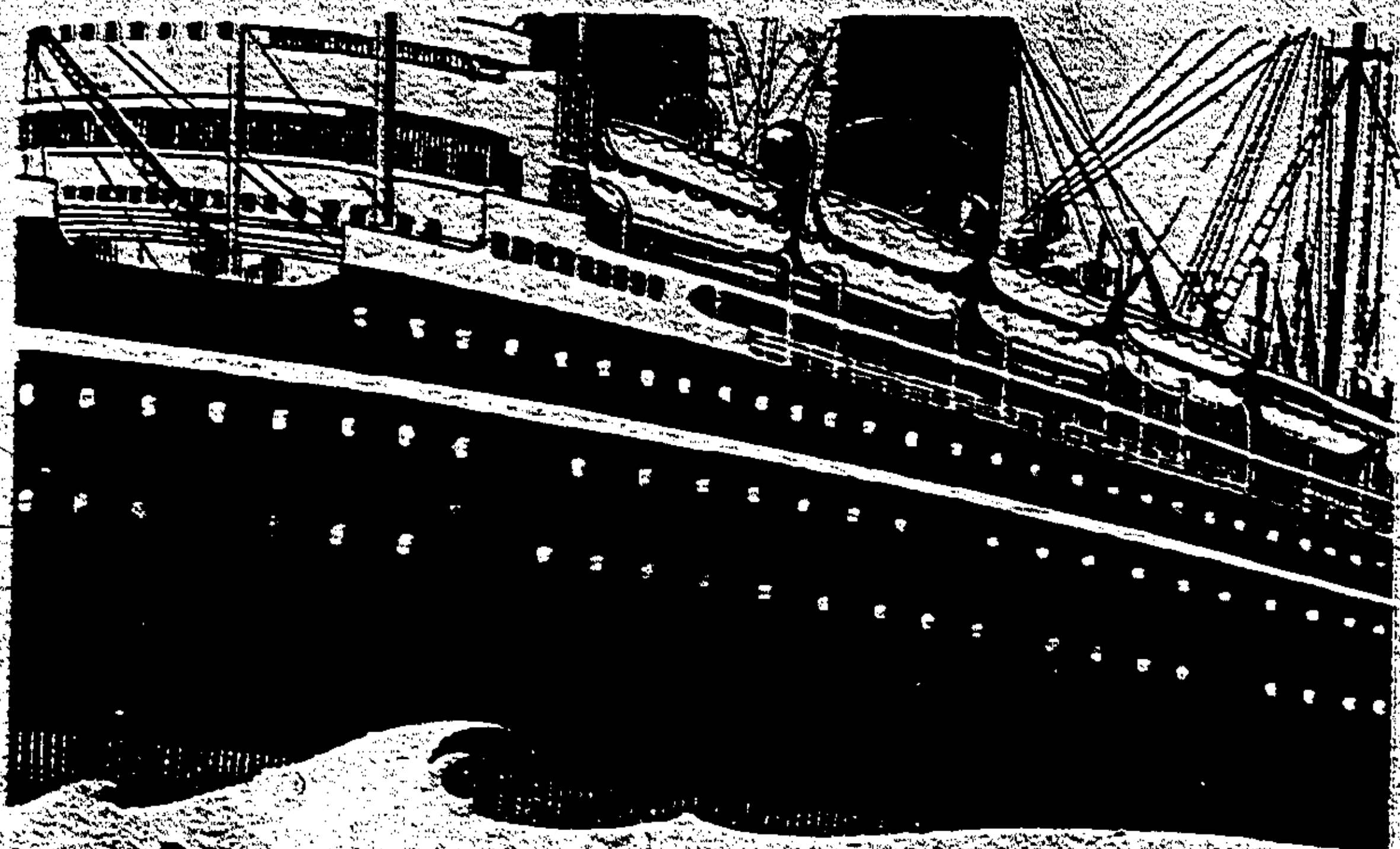


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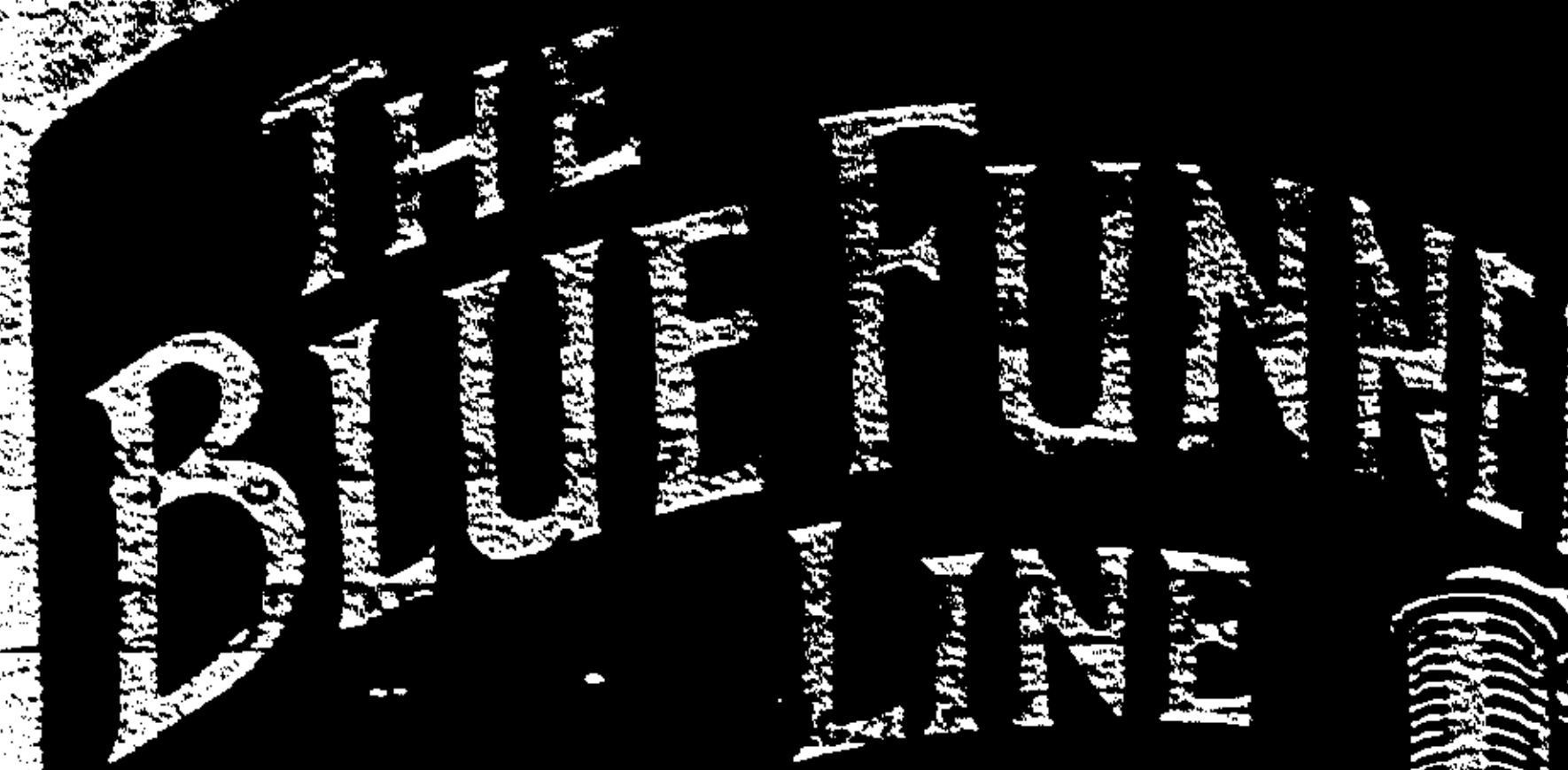
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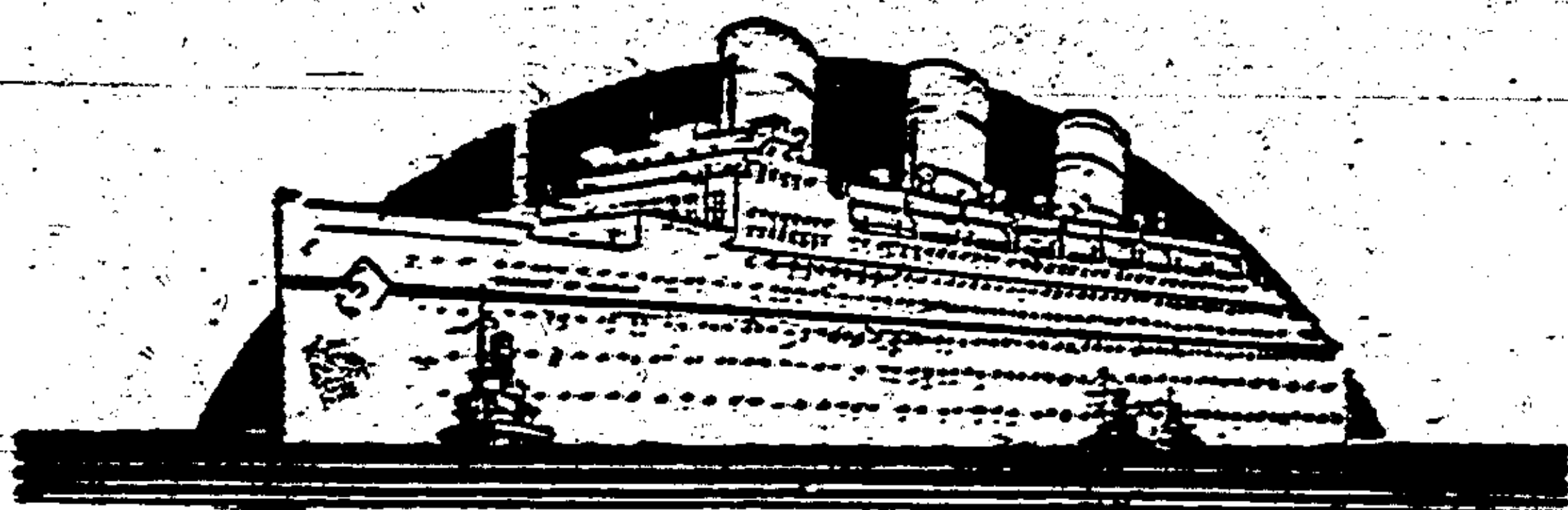
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The Anglo-Palestine Bank and
Jewish industrialists are sponsor-
ing the new body.—Trans-Ocean.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and
enquiries in local share quotations this
morning:—

BANKS	
Hong Kong Bank	\$1445/50 sa.
SHIPPING	
Douglases	\$48 1/2 b.
H. K. Steamboats	\$8.20 b.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.	
Providents (New)	25 cts. s.
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.	
H. K. and S. Hotels	\$5 sa.
PUBLIC UTILITIES	
China Lights Rights (Old)	\$9.80 b.
Ex. div. Ex. rts.	
China Lights Rights (New)	\$4.80 s.
H. K. Electrics	\$50 b., \$50 1/4 1/4 sa.
MISCELLANEOUS	
Entertainments	\$5 b.
Constructions (Old)	\$1 1/2 b., \$1 1/2 sa.
Constructions (New)	\$1 b.
Hong Kong Mines	13 cts. s.

Singapore Raw

Rubber

Messrs. H.-B. Joseph and Co.,
have received the following quota-
tions in Straits Currency for Raw
Rubber:—

Jan/March 24-5/8 b. Up 1/4.
April/June 25 b. Up 1/4.
July/Sept. 25-1/4 b. Up 1/4.
Market: Steady.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong
Kong dollar this morning was
1/2%.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS



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TIONS of the Sale by Public
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"Spot" silver was quoted at 18%
and "forward" at 18-9/16.

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PATIENCE DOES NOT MEAN INDIFFERENCE

(Continued from Page 11)

will inevitably bring great impoverishment to the Far East and to every nation there whatever their immediate military gains may be.

"Three principles must guide us.

"Firstly, we must do all we honourably can to secure restoration of peace.

"Secondly, we must do our full share with others to fulfil our international obligations, and.

"Thirdly, we must protect our own interests and, of course, British territory."

Mr. Eden emphasised that the Government was constantly and daily closely consulting the Government of the United States, and the fact that the British and American Governments had repeatedly taken parallel or similar action, indicated the closeness of such collaboration.

NOT WITHOUT FRIENDS

It would be wrong for the world as it is to-day if we were to deny our own authority, or belittle the firmness and significance of our friendships.

Britain is not without friends in the world, the Foreign Secretary declared, and referred to France and the United States, and also the Balkan and Little Ententes, with each member of which we were in close and intimate relations and friendship.

Mr. Eden said that most important of all were the relations of the British Commonwealth with the United States.

NOT ENTANGLEMENT

"There is not, and cannot be, any question of treaty or entanglements, but there is a true community of outlook, which can prove a valuable asset in the maintenance of peace, which is the first and greatest desire of the peoples of the British Commonwealth and the United States alike."

Mr. Eden concluded by stating that though the difficulties are great, there is no cause for defeatism.

Britain had weathered worse anxieties and nobody should make the mistake of thinking that the spirit of tenacity of the British people was in any way changed in recent years.

PATIENT AND FIRM

"We must seek to be patient, yet firm, conciliatory without being defeatist, and continue to arm, because that is the only way to get an arms agreement."

"That is a policy the country will endorse, and it is the policy which the Government will continue to pursue." (Loud Ministerial cheers).

—Reuter.

The P. & O. Steam Navigation Co. have issued a very handsome calendar for 1938, each month having a colour plate depicting the gradual growth of the Company over 100 years, from the s.s. William Fawcett of 206 tons to the s.s. Stratheden of 23,500 tons. The P. & O. have also issued attractive little pocketbooks for 1938.

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KEEN JUNIOR LEAGUE ENCOUNTERS

TWO MATCHES SAVED WITH LAST MEN IN ALVES AND L. G. GOSANO

SPLENDID PAIR OF OPENING BOWLERS

REVIEW OF WEEK-END CRICKET

(By "ADREM")

ALL four Junior Division League cricket matches played over the week-end provided thrills in some form or other. In two cases, teams well behind as regards runs, were saved by time with their last men batting, while the Civil Service beat Army "B" by the narrow margin of two runs.

ALL INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES IN FRIENDLY MATCHES WERE OVERSHADOWED BY ALEC PEARCE'S BRILLIANT CENTURY AGAINST THE NAVY AT CHATER ROAD. HIS WAS A HURRICANE KNOCK, IN WHICH WAS INCLUDED, TWO SIXES AND NO FEWER THAN 25 FOURS.

On Sunday, Donald Anderson followed up a half century against Craigengower the previous day, by compiling a century against the Seaforths, although this performance was not the most attractive piece of batting of the match—O'Brien punished the tired bowling to such good effect that he was credited with 75, scored in 30 minutes, at the close.

To revert to Saturday's League games. H.K.C.C. can consider themselves extremely fortunate to have managed a point against Army "A". These two teams are among the most powerful in the Division and a close game was keenly anticipated. General opinion, however, pointed to a Club victory in view of their better balance.

Army "A", who batted first, were all dismissed for the very respectable total of 173, for which they have to thank very largely, some useful batting by Northcote and Chatton, who both went in late. Club were given a good start by Armstrong but, with 15 minutes to go, were 75 runs in arrears with five wickets in hand.

At this period, D. S. Blake, formerly of the University, playing in his first match for the H.K.C.C., was associated with E. J. R. Mitchell, the former Colony skipper. He was batting very nicely and scored a couple of pretty boundaries on the off. Realising the situation, he then tried to force the pace—a role to which he is eminently unsuited—and paid the penalty.

LOST OPPORTUNITY

Four other wickets fell in quick succession and Wooding and Bond were left to hold the fort. The Army side virtually had the game in their pockets when Wooding called a run for a ball that had bounded off the wicket-keeper's pads, raced up the pitch, only to find that Bond had refused to run and was yelling at him to return.

A fielder gathered the ball and with loads of time in which to return it to the stumper for an easy run out and the points firew wildly and Wooding scrambled home.

There could not have been a more thrilling finish than that at the Valley between the Civil Service and Army "B". The former side made 99, thanks chiefly to Harry Westlake's 30, against splendid bowling by Thompson,

MORE CRICKET TO-MORROW

Owing to pressure of space, "Adrem's" account of the Recreio—Craigengower game and review of the K. C. C.—Seaforth match, both played on Sunday, will appear in to-morrow's editions.

and Army "A" met with early disaster, Painter and Smith, their opening bats, being dismissed without scoring.

INSPIRED SPELL

Patterson, Moore, Coombes and Thompson, then retrieved the situation somewhat and Denyer and Hebden had them well on the road to victory, when Harry Westlake struck an inspired spell and, in the three overs he bowled, bundled the remaining batsmen back into the pavilion with the total only two runs short.

I feel fairly safe in stating that Police would have provided quite

an upset at the expense of the Navy, had B. G. Baker been playing. Baker has a fine record of consistency behind him and it was particularly unfortunate for the Custodians of the Law that his bowling was not available for this match, owing to the fact that he had acquired a blister on his toe.

DOUR HUNTER

Some 50 runs behind, Navy's last two men were batting when time was called. Chief credit for the fine showing of the Police must go to Tommy Hunter, Clarke, Pope and Carey. Hunter, who resumed, what in my opinion is the best place for him in the batting order, number two, kept his end going during an anxious spell, when wickets were falling fast, and assisted Clarke, who smote in his usual lusty style for 75, to add 100 runs for the fifth wicket. As a result, a declaration was made at 131 for 7—a very sporting declaration in view of the Navy's wealth of batting.

L. S. A. Fynn, this season's Second Division wonder, and the backbone of the Senior Service's batting, appeared well set for another big score when he was run out for 24.

Vickerstaff made 23 but wickets fell with monotonous regularity to Pope and Carey who only failed by the narrowest margin, to accomplish their object.

ALMOST AGAIN.

Watching L. G. Gosano and E. A. R. Alves bowling against the University at the Recreio, I had visions of the Portuguese team providing a sensation to compare with that of the previous week when they skittled C.S.C.C. out for 13 runs.

Both Gosano and Alves had the Undergraduates all at sea and seven of them were dismissed with only 14 runs on the board. K. S. Oh and L. H. Tan then presented some sort of a front, despite the fact that they were unable to get the ball through a ring of fielders, close in, who were giving nothing

away. Carvalho very wisely made a change and E. M. L. Soares bowled one over which included two really first-class balls which took wickets and put the University out of their misery.

CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT

Recreio, a team composed for the most part of beginners, improve from game to game. In L. G. Gosano, a left-hander, and E. A. R. Alves, they have a pair of opening bowlers who are bound to appear in the Senior League next season, and if their batting still leaves a good deal to be desired, their keen attack and brilliant fielding more than makes up for the runs they don't score.

FRIENDLIES

Much has already been written about Alec Pearce's 151 against the Navy, so further comment, apart from the fact that big scores from this batsman are the rule rather than the exception, appears to me to be unnecessary.

Thanks to his score, and thirties by Kilbee and Owen Hughes, Club were able to declare at a total which must be one of the largest ever compiled in an afternoon match, curtailed by light at this time of the year, 237 for 2.

With Owen Hughes, Bowker and Pearce taking wickets and Swain bowling very steadily, Navy were trundled out for 129, Sub-Lt. Ogle and, as usual, Capt. Whitmarsh, being the only members of the side to make contributions in any way substantial.

SIGNIFICANT!

K.C.C. senior eleven's first victory for some time, strangely enough, coincided with Ernie Fincher's return to form with the bat. The lean season experienced by the Kowloon team to date, is attributed by many to the loss of form by the Fincher brothers and this match seems to bear that statement out.

Craigengower after an excellent start by Fred Lee and Ernie Zimmerman, failed deplorably, the latter stages of the innings being a miserable procession. Lloyd was the only K.C.C. bowler to meet with any measure of success and his four wickets cost him 47 runs.

With Anderson and Fincher both topping the half century mark, K.C.C. accomplished their task with comparative ease and their final total was 168 for 8.

EMULATE SENIORS

Kowloon's junior team also decided upon their match with the C.C.C. to return to form, and they won by 30 runs. It must be confessed, however, that the losers did not take the game too seriously and, although faced with a score of 135, they gave their tail-enders an afternoon out by reversing the usual batting order.

The main features of the game were the fine bowling feats returned by G. Winch, of Craigengower, and W. L. McKenzie, of the K.C.C. Each bowled very well to capture seven wickets for 34 and 33 runs, respectively.

MINU FAILS

A. R. Minu, the Interport left-hander, for once failed to come off with the ball and the result was a score of 199 for 8 by C.S.C.C. Chiefly responsible for this fine effort, was J. E. Richardson, A. E. Perry, F. Baker and B. C. K. Hawkins. The latter two had a merry time near the end and added no fewer than 70 runs for the eighth wicket.

L.R.C. replied with 151 for 5, thanks chiefly to S. A. Ismail, A. R. Abbas and M. P. Madar.



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Cancellation of 1938 Tour?

WHOLE MATTER SO FAR UNOFFICIAL

(By "THE RANGER")

Sydney, November 11.

Australians are not taking kindly to reports relative to New Zealand's cancellation of its Rugby Union tour of Australia next season. However, the whole matter is very unofficial. The N.S.W. Rugby Union has not yet received a word from the New Zealand Rugby Union on the subject.

Press reports have been the sole means of information. To be frank, N.S.W. officials cannot believe that New Zealand officials would go back on them by cancelling the tour without due negotiation.

That is why Mr. Jeff Noseda, secretary of the N.S.W. Rugby Union and Mr. W. W. Hill, the present, are confident that the tour will not be cancelled. They believe that the New Zealanders will be in Australia in due course next year.

FEELING STRONG

The special representative of "The Referee" in New Zealand writes of a feeling that is sweeping the Dominion. Public opinion is strong in many quarters against the cancellation of the Australian tour. Many are wondering if the reported cancellation of the tour is a sign of weakness on the part of the New Zealand Rugby Union.

"Just how the sending of a couple of dozen players to Australia next season would hamper football in New Zealand is hard to see," says our correspondent. "On the contrary, the experience gained by those players and the building up of their football accomplishments would be a fine thing for the game in New Zealand."

DENOUNCED FROM PULPIT
"UNFORTUNATELY," ADDS OUR NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVE, "THE PUBLIC OF N.Z. IS HAVING ITS CONFIDENCE IN THE NEW ZEALAND RUGBY UNION SHAKEN. MANY DEPLORED THE COMMERCIAL TANG THAT SURROUNDED THE SPRINGBOK SERIES THIS YEAR. IT WAS DENOUNCED EVEN FROM THE PULPIT. THE NEW ZEALAND RUGBY UNION WAS TWITTED WITH 'ASTUTE COMMERCIALISM'."

The reported cancellation of the Australian tour and what looks like a breach of faith with Australia, leads to a good deal of criticism of the New Zealand authorities. New Zealanders are wondering if the cancellation was made because of a fear that the All Blacks would not be capable of holding their own with Australia next year.

NOT THE CASE

That can hardly be the case. We may take it that such a spirit has not animated the Dominion Rugby Union. Naturally such a decision, as it is reported to have made, must give rise to diverse opinions and controversy.

If the New Zealand team comes to Australia next year (and all Australians hope it will), the Dominion might beat the Commonwealth hands down. Australia, on the other hand, might gain the mastery. But whatever the result might be, it is not so terribly important.

What really matters is that the teams play good, high-class football, preserving the best spirit of the game, so that during, and after the matches, players, officials, and public, can feel pleasure in them.

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NO LEAGUE MATCHES DURING HOLIDAYS

TO-DAY'S "SPOT-LIGHT"

(By "SHORTSTOP")

LAST Monday's meeting of the Softball League brought forth a proposal by Roy Lau, manager of the Vets, that met with instantaneous approval of the Committee: that the International Softball Series should be sponsored by a reputable relief organisation here, and which would receive the proceeds from the gate receipts.

The champion team in this Series will win the International Softball Shield, presented by Mr. James J. King, of Falconers, and manager of the Central British Association team.

There will be two extra games after the conclusion of this Series: to be played between the Champions and the Rest, first with the 14 inch ball, and later with the 12 inch ball!

League games for the next two week-ends have been postponed. This evoked the approval of the convivial members of the League, who deemed it unwise to play any form of outdoor sport the days following the festivities of Christmas and New Year.

Seven teams have signified their intention of entering the International Series: Great Britain; America; China "A" and "B"; Philippine Islands; India and Portugal. Entries will close on January 9, and should be sent to Mr. W. A. Smith, in care of "China Mail".

"SPOTLIGHT"

Honorato A. Paulino, captain and shortstop of the Filipino Softball Club, was born in 1902 at Manila, Philippine Islands. After the completion of his elementary schooling he went to the Philippine Law School for two years with the intention of taking up law as a profession.

Owing to a lack of funds, however, he withdrew from the school, and went out into the world to earn a living. His two years of law, however, have stood him in good stead in arguments with the umpires on the field of play, and he can be counted on in voicing his disputes in no uncertain terms.

IN CHAMPION TEAM

In Softball, where he shone as early as 1914, he was in the team of the San Nicolas Primary School, which won the first championship in that game in Manila, which was also the first year of the game there. Of course, it was known as indoor baseball then.

Later, in 1918, he was with the champion Delta Sporting Association team, and in 1919, with the Pacific Commercial Company's team that ran away with the City League, at Manila.

Not only was he prominent in the one game. He has always played baseball as far back as he can remember, and distinguished himself at shortstop at both games, although he was never fortunate enough to have been a member of any cham-



YOUNG PLAYERS SAVE NEW SOUTH WALES

Sydney, November 20.

Two young players on the fringe of Australian Test cricket, Victor Jackson and Sid Barnes, saved New South Wales from collapse against New Zealand here to-day.

After dismissing the New Zealanders for 195, the home side had lost 4 wickets for 26 runs, but Jackson and Barnes, in an unbroken fifth wicket partnership, attacked the bowling so well that they carried the total to 126 before stumps were drawn.

W. J. O'Reilly dismissed five New Zealanders for 57. His guile and "nip" off the pitch were too much for the batsmen, with the exception of Wallace and Carson.

PROFESSIONAL BILLIARDS TITLE DRAW

London, November 19.—The draw for the semi-final of the United Kingdom professional championship is:

Tom Newman v. Sidney Smith; Sydney Lee v. Joe Davis (holder). The first game begins at Thurston's, London, on January 31, the second on February 7, and the final of 24 sessions on Feb. 14. Each session is of an hour and three-quarters. The semi-finals are of 12 sessions.

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London, November 24. An action against Steve Donoghue concerning the balance of money alleged to have been entrusted to him for the purchase of racehorses, was settled before Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord in the King's Bench Division yesterday.

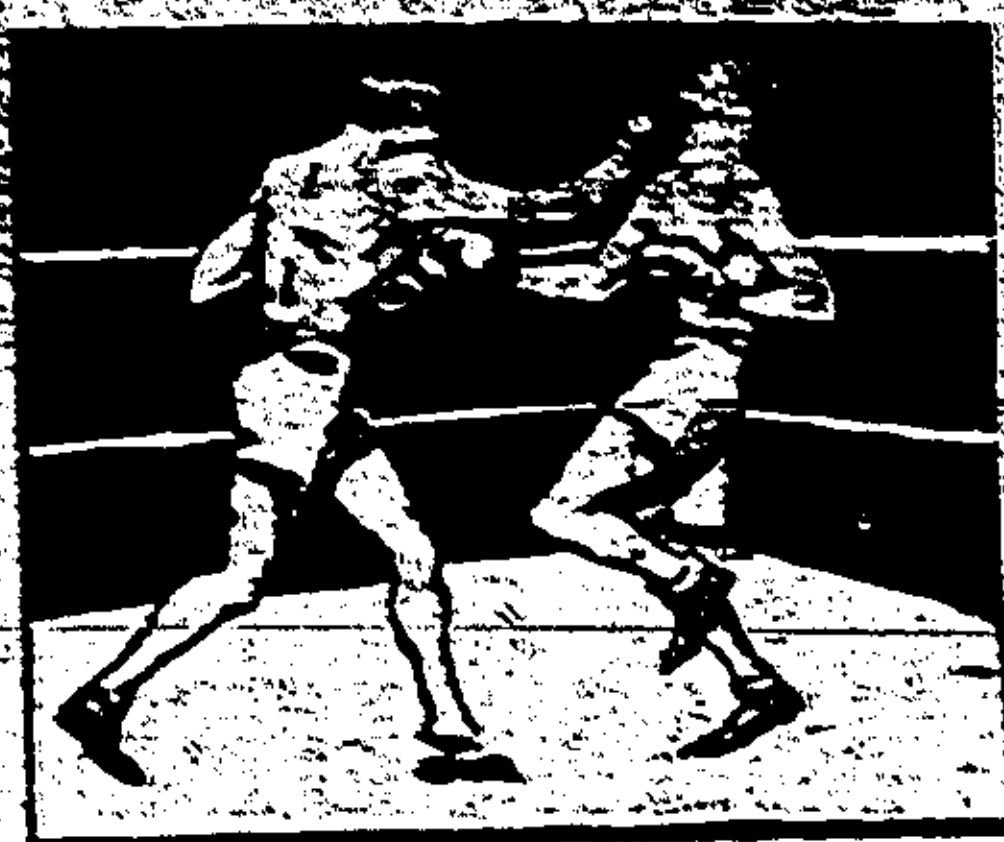
It was stated that the plaintiff, Mr. Maurice Tarsh, a bookmaker, of Gloucester-place, W., had agreed to accept \$950, including costs, in settlement of his \$1,500 claim.

Mr. Neville Laski, K.C., for Mr. Tarsh, said that the purpose for which the money was entrusted to Donoghue partially failed. There was then a difference of opinion as to whether it was a gift. The matter had been adjusted, and the record in the case would be withdrawn.

Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord assented.

R. NICHOLS RETAINS BADMINTON TITLE AGAINST BROTHER

Ralph Nichols scored his fourth successive victory in the men's singles in the South of England championship by defeating his brother, Leslie Nichols, in the final by 15-12, 15-11.



AL ROTH WAITING FOR THE NEW YEAR

London, November 18.

Al Roth, American light-weight, has, according to an X-ray examination of his injured hands, slight fractures of the metacarpal bones, and it depends upon the bone tissues how quickly they heal.

Roth, who received the injuries in his fight against Harry Miler on Monday, expects to have some fights in London in the New Year.

GREAT MILER FOR SYDNEY

The news that R. Graham (Scotland) is to take the place of J. C. Stothard, in the Scottish team for the Empire Games is good. Graham is one of the greatest mile runners in the world. He very probably will be the greatest miler yet to run in Australia, though whether he can reproduce his best form remains to be seen. None the less, Pullar (N.Z.) and Backhouse (Aust.) will have their time cut out in coping with Graham, who has run the mile in 4m. 12s. Stothard was a 4m. 15s. miler.

KEMBLE AND GILES A HALF-BACK PAIR OF GREAT POSSIBILITIES

OBELENSKY A CERTAINTY: GERRARD AS FULL-BACK

(By HOWARD MARSHALL)

London, November 24.

ON Saturday week we shall watch a team doing its best to prove that it worthily represents England against the Possibles at Newcastle. Trial matches are always rather unpleasant ordeals for the players. I doubt whether the selectors really find them very instructive. What fresh evidence can they expect to gather, for example, from such established stalwarts as E. J. Unwin, P. Cranmer, P. C. Candler, J. L. Giles or any of the excellent forwards in the provisional England pack?

The selectors, most conscientious and devoted men, know the form of these players inside out. I warrant they could write down now, without much hesitation, the probable composition of the England team which will do duty against Wales in January. They are not likely to be unduly influenced by the performance of a player in any particular match. Far more important is his showing over a period in club and county football.

I do not suggest that the selectors are blinded by preconceived ideas when they watch trial matches. It is always possible that some relatively unknown player will rise to the big occasion, and show the authentic signs of genius. If this were to happen at Newcastle it would not surprise me to see Messrs. Oakes, Prentice, Coverdale, Lowe and Coley dancing the fandango in front of the pavilion.

On the whole, though, it is unlikely. Of all the backs on view, only two, W. S. Kemble and F. M. McRae, are capable of exciting the selectors by unexpected brilliance. I say unexpected, because their capabilities also are known, though they have not yet demonstrated them in such high company. The rest are comparatively old stagers who can do no more than consolidate their claims to consideration.

The chief value of these trials, then, is the fact that they enable the selectors to build up an England team, and give the probable players a chance of settling down together into something more than a scratch side before the first international match.

MATERIAL IS KNOWN

Blending, in short, is more important at this stage than the discovery of individuals. The work of discovery has been carried on week by week since the beginning of October. The selectors indefatigably have travelled thousands of miles and watched hundreds of players. They know their material. Now they have to shape it.

They have decided apparently that W. S. Kemble is the most likely substitute at stand-off half for the absent F. J. Reynolds. They cannot have decided how he will combine with J. L. Giles. They will thus be watching Kemble and Giles together, not separately, and I fancy they have hit upon a half-back partnership of great possibilities.

BEN FOORD'S WEDDING

London, November 20. The wedding of Ben Foord, the boxer, and Miss Phyllis Sowter, a school-mistress, younger daughter of Maj. Sowter, of Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicester, will not take place to-day at Holy Trinity Church, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, as had been arranged. No definite date has been fixed, the date being dependent upon Foord's fights.

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Premier's Tribute To M. Van Zeeland

London, To-day. In the course of yesterday's foreign affairs debate, Mr. Chamberlain referred to the Van Zeeland mission. A report on the enquiries M. Van Zeeland had made in a number of different countries on the possibility of measures to improve the general international economic situation and by reducing trade barriers to stimulate the flow of international commerce was nearly ready.

"I should like to express my gratitude and appreciation of the public spirit shown by Monsieur Van Zeeland in undertaking this work in the midst of all his other pre-occupations and in personally giving his attention and great ability to this important subject."

He reminded the House, however, that though economic problems must always be an important subject in any endeavours to bring about a better state of affairs in Europe, economic agree-

ment was much more likely to receive favourable consideration if it had been preceded by some improvement in the political situation beforehand.

ANGLO-FRENCH ACCORD

The visit of the French Prime Minister and Foreign Minister to London was the next subject of the Prime Minister's speech. He said the harmony which was proved to exist between the French and British Governments on all important issues had been the source of deep satisfaction to His Majesty's Government. In these conversations there had been no attempt either on the one hand to break or weaken the friendships and under standings already existing, or, on the other hand, to set up blocks or groups of Powers in opposition to one another.

COMMON AIM

"We believe that although different countries have different methods of managing their own affairs there is something common to them all and that is a desire to improve their own conditions. Since we believe the fulfilment of that desire can only be achieved by the help of others and by real understanding and an effort to meet other needs, anything we can do to promote harmony and remove the legitimate causes of grievances among nations may well bring its own reward."

In a reference to Spain, Mr. Chamberlain said he thought there had been a perceptible lessening of tension in Europe in the past six months and he put that down largely to the fact that the Spanish situation had become less acute and he thought he might claim the policy of the Government regarding nonintervention had played the most important part in securing that.—British Wireless.

SANTA'S NURSERY COCKTAIL PARTIES

Santa Claus is moving with the times. Nursery tea-parties, he has decided, are old-fashioned, and he is replacing them this Christmas with cocktails — "just like mummy's."

Pride of the London toy shops are cocktail cabinets for juniors, complete with small glasses, shakers, cherry sticks and sweet-meat savouries.

Streamlining in the Santa Claus factory has now spread to doll's houses, which are copying the most modern designs.

Gas Masks, Too

The latest trend in dolls and child psychology would have shocked Victorians. An American doll, now on sale in Manchester, is guaranteed to drink its bottle.

In strange contrast is a set of Roman soldiers, including charioteers, centurions and gods. They cost nearly £2, but they should bring some colour and meaning into the study of Caesar's Gallic wars.

There is a strong war element about the toys for boys. Masks for resisting gas attacks in the nursery are not yet available, but there is a wide range of searchlights and anti-aircraft guns.

MILLION DOLLAR PANAY FILM

Manila, To-day. Accompanied by a much-photographed lifebelt of the U.S.S. Panay, with which he jumped from the sinking gunboat, Norman Alley, Universal Newsreel cameraman, reached Cavite last night on board the U.S.S. Stewart.

He leaves to-morrow for the China Clipper for the United States with his "million dollar worth scoop" film of the bombing.

Mr. Alley told interviewers: "I was unable to photograph the actual machine-gunning of the sampans bearing wounded to the shore, as I was already on shore and had hidden my camera and films for fear the Japanese planes might land and confiscate them."

There was no sense in the Japanese claiming that bombing of the Panay was a mistake, he added.

Alley's film was developed in Manila during the night and is not being showed to anyone here.—Reuter.

FRANK KELLOGG DEAD

New York, To-day. Mr. Frank Kellogg, co-author with M. Aristide Briand of the Kellogg-Pact outlawing war, died last night.

The late Frank Billings Kellogg was 81 years of age.

He was one of America's best-known lawyers, and was appointed Ambassador to Britain in 1923 after a most distinguished legal career.

He held the post until 1925, when he returned to Washington as Secretary of State, a position he occupied until 1929, when he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

From 1930 to 1935 he was Judge at the Permanent Court of International Justice at The Hague.—Reuter.

RELIC OF B.E.F. IN CALAIS

Paris, To-day. A depot of war material left behind by British troops at the end of the Great War has just come to light in connection with the arms plot in France.

Two days ago the newspaper "Le Soir" said that a fresh arms depot had been uncovered by the police near Calais.

Yesterday the Ministry of the Interior said the arms depot was merely a relic of the British Expeditionary force.—Trans-Ocean.

The B. I. Steamship Sirahana will leave for Amoy, Moji, Kobe and Osaka on or about Friday, December 24, at 7 a.m.

FRANCE DECLINES TO APPOINT ROME AMBASSADOR

Paris, to-day. "De Petit Parisien" says that Count de St. Quentin, who was appointed French Ambassador to Italy over a year ago but did not take over the post owing to the snag of recognition of Italian conquest of Ethiopia, is to be appointed Ambassador to Washington in succession to N. Georges Bonnet.

M. Bonnet was recalled some time ago to take the Finance Ministry in the Chautemps Government.

No French Ambassador will be appointed to Italy, says the paper, until the question of Ethiopia is settled, and French will be represented at Rome only by a charge d'affaires.—Trans-Ocean.

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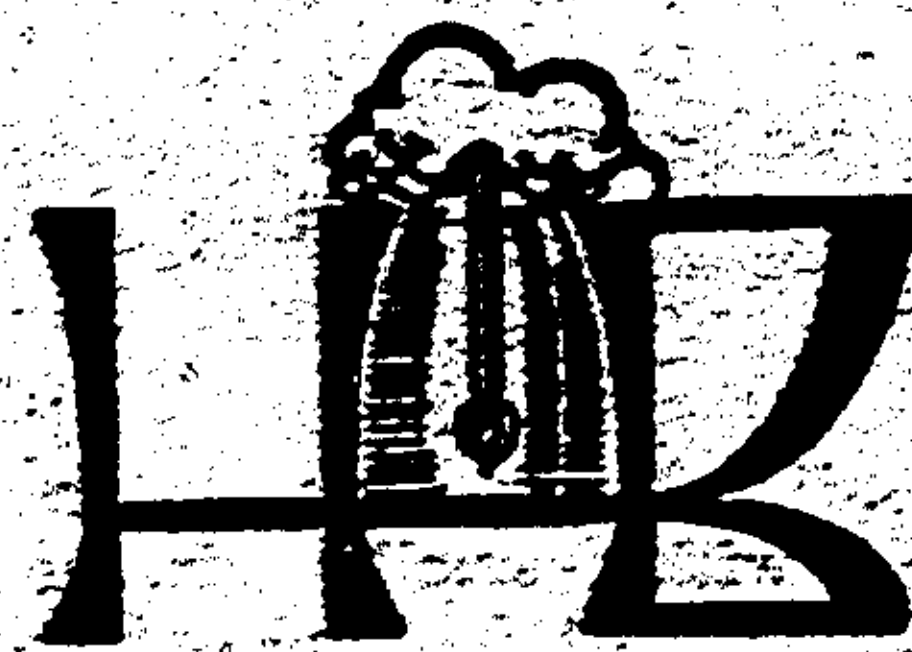
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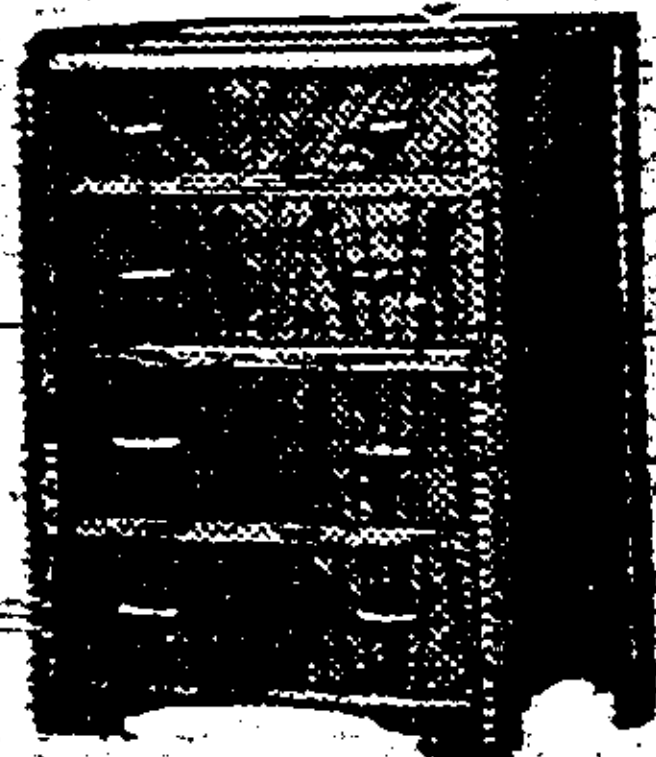
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Shanghai, To-day.

Indicating that the Japanese armed forces are rapidly completing preparations for the next large-scale military move, some 30,000 Japanese troops, together with heavy field equipment and supplies, are reported to have left Shanghai by transports in the past three days.

Destination of the transports is unknown, but observers believe the movement has a direct bearing on recent developments in Kwangtung and Tsingtao.

Observers also believe that additional Japanese troops are leaving in the next few days, as it is reported that some seventy or eighty transports are anchored off Woosung.

Meanwhile, no startling developments have occurred on the Central China fronts.

BIAS BAY SKIRMISH REPORT DENIED

Canton, To-day.

The alleged landing of 800 Japanese blue-jackets and skirmish between the landing party and 1,000 Chinese anti-piracy guards in Bias Bay are officially denied by Canton Military officials.

Officials stated that they are in direct communication with the coastal outpost at Bias Bay, and that no report has yet been received regarding any actual landing in Bias Bay.

High officials of several other organisations connected with the Military Headquarters also disclaimed the reports.

It is, however, learned that Japanese warships are cruising outside Bias Bay.—Our Own Correspondent.

Chinese reports state that the Japanese drive on Hangchow appears to have been slightly slowed up by the Chinese counter-offensive.—Reuter.

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Shanghai, 2.30 p.m. To-day.

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